

ON MEMBERSHIP FEE RETURNS IN SPRING TERM 2017 and ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018

The Board authorises the AYY cashier, with the following prerequisites, to handle applications regarding being exempt from paying the membership fee or membership fee refunds:

- When a student changes their status from attending to non-attending, cancels their enrolment, gives up their right to complete a degree, or terminates their studies.
- A student that leaves Finland for a student exchange that spans the whole semester/academic year.
- A student who is simultaneously a member of several student unions can apply for a refund for the FSHS part of the payment from the student union they have paid it to last.
- If the student has enrolled for the entire academic year but graduates during the autumn semester.

Those mentioned above have to apply for a refund of the membership fee on September 30th at the latest for the autumn term and for spring term on January 31st at the latest.

In addition, if the student's enrolment has been canceled, they have a right to have the membership fee refunded, but they must apply for it on January 31st at the latest.

You can apply for a refund by email or by visiting the AYY cashier at the central office (Otakaari 11, 2nd floor), where you must present your student card, a refund application form, and the attachments requested in the form. Those who are going on an exchange must also present a valid document of their exchange. The membership fee, either the total sum or a part of it, can be refunded in other cases as well for particularly good reasons. In these cases you must apply for a refund from the Board of the Student Union. You should note that for students who have joined the Student Union voluntarily the membership fee will not be refunded in case they cancel their membership.

If the cashier rejects the refund, the decision can be discussed by the Board if the applicant so wishes. The applicant must be informed of this right.

This decision is valid during the spring term of 2017 and the academic year 2017-2018, or from Aug 1st, 2017 to Jul 31st, 2018.

More information and the refund application form can be found at <http://ayy.fi/en/students/membership-and-fees/payment-instructions/special-cases/>

ATTACHMENT

AYY constitution: IX Chapter: Finance, 37 § Membership fees

The Council has a right to set an annual membership fee to be paid by the members of the Student Union in connection with the approval of the Student Union's financial budget. The Council may set a different fee for postgraduate students who are members of the Student Union and other students of the university who have been approved as Student Union members than for members studying for a bachelor's or a master's degree.

The President of the university confirms the membership fee. The university oversees the collection of the membership fee.

The Board of the Student Union decides how and when the fee is collected. The Board may grant a full or partial exemption from the membership fee if, due to the documented lack of funds of the member, the fee would endanger their constitutional right to education (731/1999, 16 §). The Board may decide on a partial exemption of the membership fee, corresponding to the portion of the membership fee paid to the Finnish Student Health Service, if the member proves they have paid a membership fee for the term or academic year in question to two or more student unions of Finnish universities.

