

# What is the SBE?

## Society of Broadcast Engineers

The Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE) is the only organization devoted solely to the professional advancement of technology and multimedia professionals.

With more than 5,000 members and 114 local chapters,

the SBE provides a forum to exchange ideas and share information to help you keep pace with our rapidly changing industry. The SBE amplifies



the voices of multimedia and technology professionals by validating your skills with professional certification, offering educational opportunities to maintain and expand those skills and as an advocate on technical regulatory issues that affect how you work.

All this adds up to keeping you at the top of your field, enhancing your value to your employer, or if you are self-employed, preparing you to meet the changing needs of your clients.

# Who are SBE Members?

The SBE, a non-profit professional organization formed in 1964, is committed to serving multimedia and technology professionals no matter where the work. From studio



operators, maintenance engineers, production specialists, chief engineers to the vice president of engineering, SBE members come from commercial and non-commercial radio and television stations, cable and satellite facilities, and multimedia production operations. A growing segment of members are engaging the industry on their own as consultants and contractors. Field and sales engineers and engineers from recording studios, schools, production houses, CCTV, corporate audio-visual departments, the military and other facilities are also SBE members.

# SBE Chapters

## find your local chapter

There are 114 local SBE chapters in the U.S. and Hong Kong where you can connect with fellow technical professionals. Regular chapter meetings and special events offer you a chance to expand your technical knowledge through industry presentations, tours and sharing of practical tips and solutions with your peers. Local chapters are also a place where colleagues may become lifelong friends.



Members of Chapter 147 Ft. Bragg, NC

Find the SBE chapter nearest you at [sbe.org/chapter\\_find.php](http://sbe.org/chapter_find.php). Chapters are organized alphabetically by state and include the chapter name and number, its regular meeting time, chapter website address and chapter chair contact information.



Members of Chapter 45 Charlotte, SC, gather for a holiday lunch.

# How do I join?

Applications for membership and additional information about SBE are available on our website at [sbe.org](http://sbe.org). You can also join using our online Membership Application.

Questions about membership? Call the SBE at 317-846-9000 or e-mail your questions to [executivedir@sbe.org](mailto:executivedir@sbe.org).

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Visit the SBE website at [www.sbe.org](http://www.sbe.org)

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# The Benefits of Membership

Education • Webinars  
Professional Recognition  
Local Chapters • SBE University  
EAS Education • Technical Books  
Career Services • Ennes Workshops  
Leadership Development • Advocacy  
Certification • Frequency Coordination  
Professional Development • Fellowship

# What are the benefits?

## Educational Opportunities

The SBE has numerous educational opportunities available to help keep multimedia and technology professionals up-to-date on current and emerging technologies and important industry issues.

### Webinars by SBE

[sbe.org/webinars](http://sbe.org/webinars)

Online seminars covering every aspect of multimedia, broadcast and IT technical operations. Watch them live or on-demand.



### SBE MemberPlus

[sbe.org/memberplus](http://sbe.org/memberplus)

SBE MemberPlus enhances Regular, Senior or Associate SBE membership by adding unlimited access to the entire Webinars by SBE library.

The upgrade costs less than the typical cost of two webinars.



### SBE University

[sbe.org/sbeu](http://sbe.org/sbeu)

Online, on-demand, self-study courses that cover nuts-and-bolts topics. Developed by experts for the SBE.



# ENNES

### Ennes Workshops

[sbe.org/ennes\\_workshop](http://sbe.org/ennes_workshop)

Locally presented, typically one-day programs focus on technology.

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### Leadership Development Course

[sbe.org/lcd](http://sbe.org/lcd)

An intense, in-person three-day course, designed specifically for technology professionals who have or aspire to have management responsibilities.

## Professional Recognition

### [sbe.org/certification](http://sbe.org/certification)

The SBE Program of Certification offers eight levels of professional certification. Many SBE members choose to become certified to help them find and maintain lucrative positions and to enhance their professional development. From the Certified Operator to the Certified Professional Broadcast Engineer, SBE has a certification for every broadcast engineer and technician.



The SBE offers certification handbooks to train and test radio and television operators and has sample test software, called SBE CertPreview, to help you prepare for certification exams.

*Certification is not required to be a member of the SBE, and you do not need to be a member to earn SBE Certification.*

## SBE Bookstore

[sbe.org/bookstore](http://sbe.org/bookstore)

Through the SBE Bookstore, we have many relevant books and manuals from respected publishers to help broadcast engineers further their industry knowledge or prepare for certification. SBE members receive a member discount.

## SBE JobsOnline

[sbe.org/job](http://sbe.org/job)

The SBE JobsOnline includes engineering and other broadcast technical jobs currently available. Members of SBE have full access to these listings – for free. You can create your own customized job search and automatically have our system notify you when a new job is posted that meets your criteria.



## Personal Resources

The SBE wants to help you protect yourself. Life and health insurance programs are available to members at competitive rates. In addition, a free sample contract is available for contract engineers.

The SBE Mentor Program pairs experience professionals with budding broadcast and media technology talent, helping those new to the field gain invaluable experience.

[sbe.org/mentor](http://sbe.org/mentor)

Stay informed on important industry issues and Society news with [sbe.org](http://sbe.org); *The Signal*, the SBE's bimonthly newsletter; HAM-net, a monthly Ham radio broadcast; SBE-news, a semimonthly e-mail newsletter; and the online Membership Directory and Buyers' Guide.

## How do I fit in?

There are several SBE membership categories. One is right for you.

[sbe.org/membership](http://sbe.org/membership)

### Member

Are you actively engaged in broadcast engineering, multimedia technology, IT media or an allied fields? Do you hold an academic degree in electrical engineering or its equivalent? Do you have scientific or professional experience in communications, such as the design or marketing of broadcast-related products; and have at least four years of active participation in broadcast engineering, media technology, or its allied fields? If you can say yes, then you may qualify as an SBE Member.

### Associate Member

Don't meet the requirement listed above? You may qualify as an Associate Member if you are actively engaged in the objectives of the Society.

### SBE MemberPlus

SBE MemberPlus has all the benefits of Regular SBE membership and includes access to all the live and archived Webinars by SBE in the SBE catalog, plus any new webinars the SBE adds during the membership year. For less than the cost of two Webinars by SBE, you'll get free access to the extensive SBE webinar education resource – an enormous benefit. The member who opts for SBE MemberPlus will have access to more than 60 online educational programs that cover a wide range of technical broadcast and media topics.

### Student Member

Are you studying broadcast engineering or media technology at a post-secondary institution? Student Membership is for you.

### Youth Member

You may qualify as a Youth Member if you are a high school student who has a general interest in broadcast engineering.

### Sustaining Member

[sbe.org/sustain](http://sbe.org/sustain)

Our corporate level of membership is for companies and organizations actively engaged in broadcast engineering, media technology, its allied fields and/or the objectives of the Society. The benefits of Sustaining Membership differ from those of individual memberships.



## Questions?

Contact the SBE National Office at 317-846-9000 or visit [sbe.org](http://sbe.org).