**Mission**

The South Carolina Association of the Deaf’s mission is to advocate for full accessibility and to improve the quality of life for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in South Carolina.

**Vision Statement**

Our vision statement is to be the statewide leader in advocacy of rights in civic, human, linguistic, and accessibility in the lives of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in South Carolina.

**Membership**

Membership is open to everyone. Come and join us in advocating for equal treatment of South Carolina Deaf and Hard of Hearing Citizens in education, employment, legislation, health care, and other fields.
Our History

On August 16, 1911, a group of eighty-two Deaf citizens, mostly alumni of the South Carolina School for the Deaf, gathered on the school campus in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Their main topic of discussion was the isolation of Deaf people and how to minimize it. In order to begin working on a solution to the problem and other problems Deaf citizens in South Carolina faced, this group created the South Carolina Association of the Deaf.

SCAD, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, was legally established and incorporated on June 6, 1973.

In 1983, SCAD received state appropriations funds and established an office on the SC School for the Deaf campus with a full-time staff.

Different activities were planned and SCAD slowly began to grow and become a statewide organization that exists today.

Currently, the SCAD office is located at 437 Center Street in historic West Columbia. It is walking distance to the Gervais Street Bridge that crosses over Congaree River into downtown Columbia.

SCAD Provides

Advocacy and Peer Support
Annual Conference
Community Meetings
Information Resources
Informative Workshops
Legislative Initiatives
Social Activities
Training Workshops

Membership Form

Name ________________________________
Address _______________________________
City/State/Zip __________________________
County _______________________________
Phone________________________________
Voice/VP/TTY (Circle One)
Email _________________________________

☐ Deaf/Hard of Hearing
☐ Hearing

Membership dues: $10 per year
☐ Individual
☐ Senior Citizen (60 yrs or older)
☐ Youth (age 14—21)

Tax Deductible Donation $____________
SCAD is a non-profit organization, designated 501 (c) (3) by the IRS.

Method of Payment:
☐ Cash    ☐ Check or Money Order
Total amount enclosed: $____________
Payable to: SCAD
437 Center St, W. Columbia, SC 29169

Or Join SCAD! online at sc-deaf.org