

Why buy membership to Houston Maharashtra Mandal?

1. **Flourish Marathi culture** in Houston so our younger generation can learn and appreciate by showing your financial support of just \$3.75 per month for a family. In 2017 the membership has increased to keep up with the increasing cost of food and venues, to **\$45 for family**.
2. **Participate in cultural programs:** You and your children get to participate in different events to show your talents or learn new skills. Children can also attend Marathi shala run by HMM.
3. **Save money** - Purchasing annual membership makes great financial sense. Tickets for all the year round events are cheaper for annual members. Price difference between non-member and member's tickets can be around \$5-10. Based on historical data of minimum \$5, **a family of 4 will break even with just over 2 events!** Last year Marathi Mandal offered 16 events in 12 months so there is plenty of opportunity to save money.
4. **Enjoy Quality Programs:** Your annual membership will enable you to attend quality programs brought right to your city including Musical concerts, Dramas, Movies and much more. We get to celebrate major events such as Ganpati, Diwali and Holi together as community.
5. **Make new friends:** HMM is a great place to meet new people with the same cultural background and further those relationships. There are estimated 1000 Marathi families in Houston area and many of them are members of HMM.
6. **Other benefits** and some free programs throughout the year that are already being planned are as follows -
 - Kalanirnay and Waan during Sankrant
 - Annual Picnic
 - Traditional meals with most events
 - **RENEWED: e-Sneha around Diwali**
 - **NEW: Gappa Goshti** – New fun, short events which will be held multiple times during the year in a library. A smaller setting for shorter programs. Hear about exotic travels, inspiring life lessons, humorous anecdotes, poetry, katha kathan etc. from your fellow, local Marathi neighbors.