

WITAN MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

HOW TO SPONSOR A CONDITIONAL MEMBER

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES?

1. A candidate must have an active member in good standing or a sustainer as her Sponsor.
2. She should presently be doing volunteer work or have expressed the desire to become active in volunteer service in the community.
3. She should have the time available to completely fulfill the Conditional Requirements for membership in WITAN and future responsibilities as an Active Member of WITAN as well.

WHAT ARE THE OBLIGATIONS OF SPONSORS?

1. A Sponsor must be current in all her WITAN obligations.
2. A Member in good standing may sponsor any number of candidates in 1 year.
3. She should take a serious part in the program to help acquaint her candidate with the workings of WITAN and her responsibilities as a Conditional Member.
4. She should attend the Salad Supper with her candidate.
5. She must make an effort to attend as many social/educational events as possible with her candidate.
6. A Sponsor should be familiar with the Conditional Requirements and help her candidate understand them. (See: Requirements of Conditionals).
7. A Sponsor should submit the completed application, or the name, address and phone number of her candidate to the Director of Membership by the September 15th deadline. Exceptions can be made on an individual basis.

HOW DO I BECOME A SPONSOR?

After your friend assures you she wishes to become a candidate for WITAN's Conditional Program, she may submit WITAN's application form. Ensure that all of the blanks on the Membership Application are completed, including the Sponsor's signature and mail to the current Director of Membership.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FORM TO THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE?

Candidates whose applications are received by September 15th will become Conditional Members of the following September's Conditional Class (September through May).

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A CANDIDATE SUBMITS AN APPLICATION?

1. You as a sponsor and your candidate will be contacted with further information and confirmation of receipt of the application by the Membership Committee.
2. The Membership Committee will sponsor an informational Wine and Cheese party for the sponsor and conditional.
3. Your Conditional will then be asked to send her orientation fee to the Director of Membership.
4. No official activities will take place involving Sponsors and Conditionals until the September Salad Supper.

FACTS A CONDITIONAL CANDIDATE SHOULD KNOW!!

Please share with your Conditional Candidate prior to sponsoring her.

Requirements of the Conditional Year:

- Attend the Orientation Sessions (These sessions are at no cost to the Conditional and are held between September and April).
- Pay an orientation fee of \$75.00 prior to becoming a Conditional of WITAN. (Conditionals do not pay dues.)
- Perform a minimum of 15 hours of volunteer service in one or more agencies, after approval of the Membership Committee. The agency shall not include church or family work.
- Attend one committee meeting for each of the following: (1) Civic (1) French Market Committee and (1) WOW.
- Attend the Conditional Cluster Meeting.
- Meet the same financial responsibilities to a fund-raising project of the Ways and Means Committee as an Active Member.
- Attend the Business Meetings (October, February, and May) – Dinner is optional.
- Accumulate a minimum of 10 points in Optional Events (see list below.)

<u>Required Events</u>	<u>Optional Events</u>	<u>Optional Points</u>
Salad Supper	Wine and Cheese	2
3 Business Meetings	The Akron Experience	6
Conditional Cluster Meeting	Volunteer/Social Event	3
French Market (one shift)	Akron Children's Hospital Tree Festival	7
Civic, French Market & WOW Committee Meetings	Wine Jelly Workshop	2
Conditional Dessert	Extra French Market Shift	5
	Serve on a WITAN Committee	8

Note: Conditionals must attend all required events in order to become an active member. If they are unable to attend a required event they must notify the Conditional Advisor(s). Optional events will be factored into their membership requirements.

Active Member Requirements:

1. Serve on a committee.
2. Contribute a minimum of 30 hours of civic service annually (May 1st to April 30th).
3. Attend the Business Meetings and a Cluster Meeting.
4. Actively participate in the major fund-raising project of the Ways and Means Committee.
5. Meet financial obligations as voted upon by the membership to support the major fund-raising project of the Ways and Means Committee.
6. Pay annual dues of \$75.00.



WITAN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Deadline – September 15, 2017

NAME _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Maiden)

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ **CELL PHONE** _____

EMAIL _____

BIRTHPLACE (CITY/STATE) _____

FAMILY (SPOUSE/CHILDREN NAMES) _____

EDUCATION _____

LIVED IN OTHER LOCATION(S)? _____

EMPLOYED? _____ **WHERE?** _____

FULL TIME _____ **or PART TIME** _____

SKILLS and TALENTS _____

SPARE TIME ACTIVITIES _____

OTHER MEMBERSHIPS _____

PREVIOUS/CURRENT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES _____

SPONSOR NAME _____

SPONSOR PHONE _____

I HIGHLY RECOMMEND BECAUSE _____

IS CANDIDATE AWARE OF HER FINANCIAL & TIME OBLIGATIONS? _____

ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU FEEL IS PERTINENT? _____

As a Sponsor, I will accept the responsibility for my Conditional throughout her Conditional Membership and will help her in any way I can to fulfill her obligations.

SPONSOR SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Please mail or scan signed form to: Lisa Mandel, 1655 N. Medina Line Rd Akron, OH 44333-1034 or lavendrlisa@aol.com