



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.
4. She should also be prepared to fulfill the future responsibilities as an Active member, including serving on WITAN's committees and be willing to consider a future leadership role.

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 one 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(s).
6. A Sponsor should be familiar with the Conditional requirements and help her candidate understand them. (See: Requirements of Conditionals).

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 a complete WITAN application form 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 August 31st 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(s).
3. Your Conditional(s) 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.

Required Conditional Year Activities:

- Attend the Orientation Sessions (these sessions are at no cost to the Conditional and are held between September and April.)
- Pay an orientation fee prior to becoming a Conditional of WITAN. (Conditionals do not pay dues.)
- Attend the Salad Supper.
- Participate in the Akron Experience.
- 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. (Note: If the Conditional is participating in a WITAN-sponsored volunteer event, no approval is needed.)
- Attend one committee meeting for each of the following: Civic (included in the Akron Experience), French Market and WOW.
- Attend the Conditional Cluster Meeting.
- Complete the French Market ticket sales, baking and shift obligations.
- Attend the Business Meetings (October, February and May). Dinner before the meeting is optional.
- Attend the Conditional Dessert.
- Accumulate a minimum of 10 points by attending Optional Events (see list below).
 - Wine and Cheese - 1 point
 - WITAN-sponsored volunteer event – 5 points
 - WITAN Social Event – 5 points
 - Extra shift at French Market – 5 points
 - Serve on a WITAN Committee – 7 points
 - Attend WOW / Imagine Ball - 8 points
- 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) and request to be excused by the President. Optional events will be factored into their membership requirements.

Active Member Requirements:

- Actively serve on one of WITAN's committees.
- Contribute a minimum of 30 hours of civic service annually (May 1 to April 30).
- Attend Business Meetings and a Cluster Meeting.
- Actively participate in the major fundraising project of the French Market Committee.
- Meet financial obligations as voted upon by the membership to support the major fundraising project of the French Market Committee.
- Pay annual dues.