

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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***Make checks payable to WiNUP  
and mail to your  
local chapter treasurer.***

Please send a copy of this form with your check and send one copy to your local treasurer.

If you do not know who that is, visit our web site or contact:

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## DUES

- Membership dues are billed each December and due February 1 to avoid late and reinstatement fees.
- Members joining *October through December* receive membership *through the next year.*
- A one-time initiation fee of \$6 is collected from new members only.

Calculate WiNUP dues as follows.

Retirees receive a \$10 discount.

\$66 International dues +  
Chapter dues (see below) +  
initiation or other fees =  
Total dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### *Chapter dues:*

\$20 Virginia  
\$15 ArkLaTex, East Tennessee,  
Indiana, Northern Indiana,  
Oklahoma, South Texas  
\$10 Kentucky, Nashville, New York,  
North Texas, Ohio, West Virginia  
\$ 5 North Central-Minnesota  
\$ 4 Missouri, Members-at-Large

## Women's International Network of Utility Professionals, Inc.



An organization providing  
a link for developing  
and recognizing  
professionals involved with the  
utility industry and related  
issues, products,  
and services.

Objectives are to provide:

- Professional development opportunities
- Networking and mentorship
- Recognition and visibility for members and business partners



[www.winup.org](http://www.winup.org)

## The roots of WiNUP

The Women's International Network of Utility Professionals was formed in January 1999 but its roots go much deeper. The organization evolved from The Electrical Women's Round Table, Inc., (EWRT) a group with a long history of providing growth and development to those in the electric industry and allied fields.

EWRT was founded in 1923 when seven women from New York attended the annual meeting of the Society for Electrical Development on Henderson Island in Lake Ontario. This had always been an all-male event but at this time, the women gathered around a round table and discovered common career issues among them. They began meeting once a month in New York, inviting other women to attend. By 1925, the group had grown to 50 women. They decided to organize. In 1927, the Electrical Women's Round Table filed for and received a Certificate of Incorporation from the Secretary of State of New York.

In 1948, EWRT was chartered as a national organization with the parent chapter identified as New York. Fifty years later, as the electric industry evolved, EWRT'S board recognized the organization's need to evolve, as well. EWRT began plans to expand its membership base into all facets of the utility industry and its allied fields. It adopted a new name –Women's International Network of Utility Professionals, Inc.– to better reflect its new mission. In addition to New York, WiNUP has the following chapters: ArkLaTex, East Tennessee, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Nashville, North Central/Minnesota, North Texas, Northern Indiana, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. Members with no local chapter affiliation are designated as part of the Members-at-large Chapter.

## There are many advantages to membership

**As the name implies, WiNUP's greatest strength is networking.** Networking in WiNUP is a means of gaining understanding of the career triumphs and challenges other members experience and our similarities related to the energy industry. It is about sharing our expertise and relying on our fellow WiNUP members for advice and encouragement.

**Mentoring career development program.** Conducted within Chapters and, by special request, with members in other chapters, mentoring is a means to focus on your personal development.

**WiNUP.org website and Members' only access.** The WiNUP.org members' only pages contain the current member directory, guidelines, bylaws, awards program and applications, scholarship program and application, committee and leadership rosters and details of current programs. The goal of the website is to provide a means to easily share program information and contacts within the organization to put resources at our members' fingertips.

**WiNUP scholarship program for educational programs.** These are available annually to members and nonmembers pursuing graduate study in an energy-industry related field. The *Julia Kiene Scholarship*, a \$2,000 grant, is named for a past president of the organization who serves as an inspiration to young people who pursue careers in the industry. The *Lyle Mamer Fellowship*, a \$1,000 grant, is named for a former associate professor at the University of Tennessee, College of Home Economics. The *Louisan Mamer Scholarship*, a \$1,000 grant, is named for a long-time member of EWRT/WiNUP. Applications are available online and are reviewed annually.

**Annual conference.** Conferences are hosted each year by a local chapter and provide networking and learning opportunities for members and non-members at a reasonable cost.

**Recognition through awards and grants.** Annual awards including Chapter Achievement and Newsletter awards recognize chapter efforts to support their members and the community. **POWER** and **OAK** awards recognize outstanding individual members and are awarded annually. A members-only grant is available to support continuing education. And the newly formed Past Presidents' grant is available to assist members with their costs to attend the annual conference. Each of these is explained in detail online at [winup.org](http://winup.org).

**Leadership opportunities.** Members are given the opportunity to develop leadership skills by participating on local chapter committees, officer elections, international office committees, and international officer elections. You will grow your natural abilities while working with other WiNUP members on meaningful projects.