

Why A Rural Schools Association?

- ◆ Provides a voice for rural education;
- ◆ Advocates in Madison for rural schools and communities;
- ◆ Represents rural districts at state level decision-making;
- ◆ Enhances opportunities and resources available to rural schools.
- ◆ **Networking**
 - ◇ Annual Statewide Conference
 - ◇ Regional Meetings
 - ◇ National Conference
 - ◇ 5Share
- ◆ **Information Important to Rural Schools**
 - ◇ Website Updates
 - ◇ Weekly Electronic Updates
 - ◇ Grant Information
 - ◇ Legislative Alerts
- ◆ **Awards Program**
- ◆ **Student Scholarships**

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WiRSA Board Membership

The WiRSA Board of Directors consists of Administrators, School Board Members, Teachers, IHE and Public Library Representatives who are elected from the membership or appointed by the elected Board.



WiRSA is a member driven organization, and to thrive, it needs your involvement. Interested individuals are welcome to contact any current board member with ideas.

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Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance (WiRSA)

Membership Form



An organization for

- Administrators • CESA Staff
- School Board Members • Teachers
- Higher Education Professionals
- Public Library Systems • Businesses
- Citizens • All agencies, organizations, and individuals interested in rural school issues.



Our Future

Students First

Strong Schools

Strong Communities

Join Today!

Annual Membership Fees

\$500

School Districts
CESAs

Institutions of Higher Education
Public Library Systems

\$350

Associate Membership
(Organizations, Businesses, etc.)

\$50

Individual Membership
(Parents and Community Members)

\$25

Student Membership
(Any Student Grade 9-16 and Post-Grad)

A portion of associate membership fees will help to fund WiRSA student scholarships.

WiRSA Members are eligible for reduced conference fees, awards and scholarships.

Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance

Purpose

- ◆ To work collaboratively to solve issues pertinent to rural schools and communities;
- ◆ To build a clearinghouse of research and educational best practices for rural schools;
- ◆ To advocate for rural schools and communities at the local, state, and federal level;
- ◆ To focus on children first.

Governance

- ◆ 19-member Board of Directors;
- ◆ Equal number of school board members, administrators, certified teachers and CESA representatives;
- ◆ Board membership with broad geographic representation;
- ◆ IHE, public library representation;
- ◆ Networking initiatives with rural associations in other states.

Your Membership Provides

- ◆ Strength to the rural school voice at the capitol;
- ◆ Support for a statewide annual conference for sharing information important to rural schools;
- ◆ A network of rural schools for collaboration and cooperation;
- ◆ Scholarships for rural students.

WiRSA Membership Form

To Join WiRSA

Name _____

Position _____

Organization _____

Address: _____

Work Phone _____

Email Address _____

Membership Category

- School District—\$500
 - CESA—\$500
 - Institution of Higher Education—\$500
 - Public Library Systems—\$500
 - Associate—\$350
 - Individual—\$50
 - Student—\$25
- Membership fee total _____

Please check one

- Check is enclosed, made payable to WiRSA
- Bill my organization, PO # _____

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