

## 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.

## Additional Membership Benefits

- ◆ **Networking**
  - ◇ Annual statewide conference
  - ◇ Regional meetings
  - ◇ National conference
- ◆ **Information Important to Rural Schools**
  - ◇ Website updates with information important to rural schools
  - ◇ Regular E-newsletters
- ◆ **Awards Program**
- ◆ **Student Scholarships**

**We want to hear from you!**

**For more information, visit the web at [www.wirsa.org](http://www.wirsa.org)  
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## WiRSA Board Membership

The WiRSA Board 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

### 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.



## 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)

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

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

**Students First**

**Strong Schools**

**Strong Communities**

**Join Today!**

## Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance (WiRSA)

### 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:

- ◆ 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

#### Option 1:

Join online at myquickreg.com

- 1) Login or register
- 2) Choose "All Events"
- 3) Choose "Advance Search"
- 4) Keyword = WiRSA
- 5) Choose "15/16 Membership"

Need assistance? Contact Michele McCune-CESA 5  
at (608) 745-5411 or at [mccunem@cesa5.org](mailto:mccunem@cesa5.org).

#### Option 2:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Work): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Category:

- School District—\$500
- CESA—\$500
- Institution of Higher Education—\$500
- Public Library Systems—\$500
- Associate—\$350
- Individual—\$50

Membership fee total: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

- Check is enclosed, made payable to CESA 5
- Bill my organization, PO # \_\_\_\_\_

Return membership form to:  
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