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# WOMEN IN DEFENSE

An affiliate of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), WID traces its roots to 1979 when a group of women recognized the need for an organization dedicated to networking and professional development within the defense and national security workspace. WID provides events and programming to help women establish and achieve professional goals.

## Leadership Nationally and Locally

WID and NDIA provide a national collaborative community of advocates who promote policy, technology and best practice for warfighters, peacekeepers, and others who ensure U.S. safety and security • 21 Local chapters provide WID's grassroots foundation • Located in areas with a high concentration of defense work, WID's chapters enhance and enrich their communities through strategic networking and educational events, mentoring, scholarship programs and community service

## Goals and Objectives

Provide women with a formal environment for professional growth through strategic networking, education, and professional development • Create educational, coaching, and mentoring opportunities to encourage and enable young women to pursue careers in support of defense and national security

## Recognizing Excellence

Invest in successful young women pursuing careers related to defense and national security, with a special emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) – HORIZONS Scholarships • Highlight and celebrate achievements of women working in government and industry who provided exceptional service to the Nation in defense and national security roles – WID's annual Service to the Flag awards, presented at the National Conference

## Member Value

Access to a broad, geographically and professionally diverse network that can provide advice and recommendations to women in all phases of career development and transition • Opportunities to coach and mentor the next generation of women defense professionals, creating the critical diversity that will strengthen the Nation's competitive advantage

## HORIZONS Scholarships

Through HORIZONS Scholarships, Women In Defense encourages women to pursue careers supporting U. S. national security, with a focus on defense or foreign policy. Since its establishment in 1988, HORIZONS has awarded more than \$440,000 to more than 145 recipients pursuing degrees ranging from law to engineering to math to public policy.

## Membership

We welcome all women and men working in defense and national security to join WID. Membership provides access to a broad national network of women and men working in government, the defense industry and academia. Membership is free for government employees and active military and \$40 per year for industry and academia. You can find membership information at: [WomenInDefense.net/Join](http://WomenInDefense.net/Join)