



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

THE WILDLIFE ACHIEVEMENT CHAPTER INC.  
THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA  
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### Membership Process and Probationary Status:

1. All prospective members are required to present their application and fees in person at a monthly Board of Directors meeting. Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
2. After board approval, prospective new members must also attend a membership meeting to be voted on and sworn in. Membership meetings are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM with the exception of September, November and December.
3. All new members are on a two-year probationary period.
  - > During the first 24 months of membership, new members must help at two chapter events annually to be removed from probationary status.
  - > At least one of these events each year must be a conservation project.
  - > A partial list of events include kitchen help for meetings, BBQ help, assist with committee activities and projects, Adopt-A-Road, building and grounds clean ups, Christmas tree maintenance etc. Refer to the newsletter for details regarding all upcoming events.
4. All applicants and members are subject to civil and criminal background checks at any time. By signing below, you are giving your permission to request civil and criminal background checks on your behalf. Withdrawal of your permission must be in writing to the Board of Directors.

I Can Provide the Following Services or Equipment for the Chapter for Free or at Cost (Please Circle):

- A. Data Processing B. Duplicating/Printing C. Accounting D. Heavy Equipment E. Legal F. Secretarial G. Trucking  
H. Carpentry I. Electrical J. Plumbing K. Painting L. Sheet Metal M. Photography N. Welding O. Cooking/Catering

**BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE USE OF THE CHAPTER PROPERTY**

**TYPE IN THE BLANKS WHILE VIEWING AND THEN PRINT THE APPLICATION**

SELECT MEMBERSHIP TYPE (select only one):

Individual Family Student Youth

### All Membership types complete the following:

Member Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preferred Phone#(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ MD HQL or CCW Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Any State, if available) Must Show Permit  
 Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

### Family Memberships types (ONLY) complete above AND the following:

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT DUE** is according to the month notified of an opening. It includes National, State, & Chapter Dues, initiation fee, and gate card fee.

Period	Individual	Family	Student	Youth	Notes
January thru June	215.00	300.00	55.00	32.00	(Pays thru December of current year)
July thru September	142.50	190.00	32.50	16.00	(Pays thru December of current year)
October thru December	215.00	300.00	55.00	32.00	(Pays thru December of FOLLOWING year)

For use by BOD Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \_\_\_\_\_ W List # \_\_\_\_\_ C/R \_\_\_\_\_ D/B \_\_\_\_\_ KC# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**IWLA PLEDGE:** "To strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources; to know the beauty and understanding of nature, and the value of wildlife, woodlands and open space; to the preservation of this heritage and to man's sharing in it; I pledge myself as a member of the Izaak Walton League of America

## **How to become a member in the Wildlife Achievement Chapter Inc. of the Izaak Walton League of America.**

Complete a membership application and obtain a sponsor to sign it with you. Your sponsor must be a current member in good standing. If possible, have the sponsor attend the first meeting with you. If you do not have a sponsor, contact a Chapter member or one of the members on the Board of Directors. All board members are listed on our web site [www.DamascusIWLA.org](http://www.DamascusIWLA.org).

Bring the completed application, fees (cash, check, MO) & a government-provided ID to a board meeting. You must appear, in person, at a board meeting before the application will be accepted. Board meetings are held in the main clubhouse on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Please arrive by no later than 6:45 PM and speak to the membership chairman prior to the 7:30 board meeting. At the board meeting, you will meet the officers of the club and will be asked to say a few words about yourself and why you would like to join our club. This is a very informal process. At this time, the board votes on the acceptance of the new applicants.

The next step is to attend a membership meeting. Membership meetings are held in the upstairs dining hall of the main clubhouse. Here, acceptance of new members is voted on by the general membership. Once that is completed, new members are then sworn in by the membership chairperson. Membership meetings are usually held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Most meetings (but not all) are dinner meetings and the social hour starts at 6:30 PM. Dinners are usually around \$10.00. (Wild Game dinner in January is slightly higher). Near the last quarter of the year, membership meetings are often held on odd days around Christmas and Thanksgiving. Check the newsletter, club calendar or the Web Page [www.DamascusIWLA.org](http://www.DamascusIWLA.org) for the current meeting and event dates.

All new applicants will serve a two year probationary period. During the first two years of membership, you must help with four authorized work projects. A minimum of two of the four projects must be conservation level projects. Failure to complete required work projects after 24 months will prevent renewal of your membership and you could be charged an additional fee in order to renew. All projects are listed on the club web calendar.

Each event lists a contact name and phone number or email address for additional information.

If you are interested in using the chapter's rifle and pistol ranges, you must first pass the Chapter and Range Officer Orientation course. The purpose of this course is to introduce you to the club rules and range safety procedures. The result is you become a Range Officer and can use the ranges on your own. Otherwise, you must use the ranges with another member that is Range Approved. Once you pass the course, you will be issued a Range Access Card. The course is normally offered on the last Sunday of the month in the upper level of the main clubhouse. Expect to be in the course for 3-4 hours. You must pre-register for the class, but there is no fee. Successful completion of the Chapter and Range Officer Orientation class is a prerequisite for taking the Shotgun Range Officer Certification course. The Shotgun Range Officer course is offered every other month. Course participation by your spouse and young children is welcome. Check the chapter's web site for details when classes are offered.

### MEMBERSHIP TYPES

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP:** One adult over the age of 18 years of age, and shall be entitled to vote, hold office at the chapter, state, and national level. Each Individual Membership shall be counted as one member on the national membership rolls.

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP:** One or two adults over the age of 18 years of age and their natural, adopted or foster children under the age of 18 years residing together at a single residence. Family members over eighteen years of age shall be entitled to vote, hold office at the chapter, state, and national level. Each Family Membership shall be counted as two members on the national membership rolls.

**STUDENT MEMBERSHIP:** One adult between eighteen and twenty-one years of age, who is a full-time undergraduate student. Student members over eighteen years of age shall be entitled to vote, hold office at the chapter, state, and national level. Each Student Membership shall be counted as one member on the national membership rolls.

**YOUTH MEMBERSHIP:** One child under the age of eighteen years of age. Youth members shall not be entitled to vote, hold office at the chapter, state, and national level. Each Youth Membership shall be counted as one member on the national membership rolls.

When you join the chapter as an Individual Member, it is explained that your family is invited to use our facilities when accompanied by you and that spouses will be issued their own range access card if they take and pass the Chapter and Range Officer Orientation course. Members with range access cards (except spouses of individual members) will be provided two visitor badges. All family and other guests must be accompanied by the member and wear a visitor's badge at all times on the ranges.