

## WISER - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

WISER (Washington Independent Services for Educational Resources) is a unique interdisciplinary organization for professionals who work in fields that serve the diverse needs of learners in the metropolitan area of the District of Columbia (including Northern Virginia and suburban Maryland) ("DC Metro Area"). Individual members include psychologists, diagnosticians, tutors, school placement counselors, occupational and speech therapists, optometrists, vision specialists, child advocates, and other professionals who work in fields that serve the diverse needs of learners.

WISER's goal is to provide resources and support to improve educational and therapeutic services and promote child advocacy. WISER will achieve its mission by:

- Fostering communication among professionals
- Providing information for parents on the spectrum of disciplines specializing in education services.
- Presenting programs to members and the community
- Providing a WISER directory listing of all members with descriptions of expertise available to the public.

## MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA AND DUES

### **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS: \$125.00/yr**

Professionals and their associates working in fields serving the diverse needs of learners who have 1) a graduate degree and/or three years of experience in their present field; and 2) a principal place of business located in the Metro DC Area. In addition, certification is necessary when required by law. Individual members are entitled to vote at annual meetings.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERS: \$210.00/yr**

Schools, group practices and other institutions that have been in existence for at least three years in fields serving the diverse needs of learners (and/or the Director meets the qualifications of Individual Membership). Organization needs to have their principal place of business located in the DC Metro Area. The Director and/or Head of School are entitled to one vote at the annual meeting.

### **DUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$260.00/yr**

People who wish to be listed in both the Organizational and Individual member listings.

### **STUDENT MEMBERS: \$45.00/yr**

Graduate students in related fields of study.

**\*All New Applicants must add a \$20 Administrative Fee for Processing.**

**\*New Applicants applying after January 1<sup>st</sup> will pay half price of above listings.**

**The membership year is June 1 - May 31. Dues are renewed annually.**

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phones-Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years in practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Education (Graduate Degrees): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about WISER? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership (check one): ( ) Individual \$125 ( ) Organizational \$210 ( ) Dual Membership \$260  
( ) Student \$45 ( ) New Application Fee \$20

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