ABOUT US

The Women Legislators’ Lobby (WiLL) is a national nonpartisan network of women state legislators that formed in 1991 to help state legislators work together to influence federal policy and budget priorities. WiLL is unique in that not only supports women running for office but continues to provide them with professional development once they’ve won.

With WiLL membership, you have the opportunity to network with women from across the country, learn how to navigate the federal budget, have your achievements elevated though WiLL’s newsletter and social media, and access media experts to help you write and pitch op-eds and build relationships with journalists. WiLL is focused on training programs that help legislators talk about national security and foreign policy issues effectively. Through this process of training and education coupled with mentorship, WiLL can make women legislators not only successful but exceptional.

Because of historic partisan gridlock in Congress, state legislators are introducing and passing more legislation in more issue areas than ever before. With this new reality are additional challenges—yet it is more important than ever that state legislators are able to influence federal budget priorities. At WiLL, we harness the unique perspective women legislators bring to policymaking to effect change.

WHAT WE OFFER

Lobbying and Legislation
- Individual meetings with key members of Congress and staff
- Coordinated Lobby Days at state Capitols
- Connections to WAND activists in your district

Education and Tools
- Social media tools and strategies to more effectively communicate with constituents
- Sample op-eds and press releases to increase your media presence
- Exclusive use of the membership portal (coming soon)

Professional Development
- Training workshops to enhance vital skills: media, communications, & lobbying
- Networking opportunities with legislators from around the country
- Amplification of your voice and work through WiLL’s social media and newsletter

Member Event Benefits
- Discounted registration to the national conference and regional trainings
- Eligibility for travel and hotel scholarships

WiLL offers four annual membership rates: $80 for incumbent state legislators, $65 for newly electeds, $45 for “Trailblazers” (former legislators), and $25 for legislative staff.
RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS
May 1, 2019: WiLL Meet & Greet in Boston, MA
May 16, 2019: WiLL in Little Rock, AR
August 5-8, 2019: NCSL Reception in Nashville, TN. Date TBD.
September 22-24, 2019: WAND/WiLL National Conference in Washington, DC

NOTABLE ALUMNAE
Sen. Tammy Baldwin (WI)
Sen. Krysten Sinema (AZ)
Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (NH)
Sen. Debbie Stabenow (MI)
Rep. Judy Chu (CA-27)
Rep. Lois Frankel (FL-22)
Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-13)
Rep. Gwen Moore (WI-4)
Rep. Maxine Waters (CA-43)
Rep. Frederica Wilson (FL-17)

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING
“WAND and WiLL are the premier organizations that teach women to be smart about defense and security.” -Congresswoman Gwen Moore

“WiLL beautifully weaves together the threads of culture, budgets, politics, and communications that composed the US defense spending decisions... All against a background of gender and race.” - Vermont State Representative Kimberly Jessup

“Really great conference on a most relevant focus. Learned from the presenters and my colleagues. Feel very strongly that our being on the Hill made a difference!” - The Honorable Johnie Turner (TN)

WiLL is a program of Women’s Action for New Directions (WAND). WAND builds women’s political power to advocate for security and peace with justice. We believe that women are central to shifting the militarized, patriarchal culture that pervades our society and leads to endless war and violence.

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