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- Join online at
  www.stc.org/membership/join01.asp

- Or, download a membership application from
  www.stc.org/membership/join01.asp or
  request one from the Society office by calling
  703-522-4114

Return the completed application and payment to

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New members joining between February and October receive credit toward the following year's dues as a percentage of the membership dues.

STC dues are tax-deductible in the United States. STC membership dues are nonrefundable and nontransferable. If a member affiliates with a local chapter, a portion of their dues is rebated to the local chapter. See the membership application for further details and requirements.

For more information

Contact one of the chapter leaders listed on
www.stcwdc.org/officers.shtml

Who belongs to the WDC Chapter?

STC WDC Chapter members work for prominent government, professional, and technical firms and institutions such as

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About STC

The Society for Technical Communication (STC) is a Section 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational, scientific, and charitable organization dedicated to furthering the art of communicating technical information. STC offers its members the industry leadership and education, professional networking, and information required for supporting all aspects of the rapidly evolving world of technology. STC is the world's largest professional organization serving the technical communication profession. The Society is over 55 years old, with 153 chapters, 22 SIGs, and over 14,000 members world wide. STC members include

- Consultants
- Educators and students
- Graphic artists and designers
- Human factors engineers
- Information planners
- Instructional designers
- Interface designers
- Journalists and publishers
- Managers and supervisors
- Marketing and public relations communicators
- Multimedia artists
- Photographers, film, and video production specialists
- Researchers
- Software engineers
- Technical communicators
- Technical, medical, and scientific illustrators
- Technical, medical, and scientific writers and editors
- Translators
- Web designers, developers, and webmasters

What is a technical communicator?

Technical communicators translate technical information into plain language that is easily understood by the user. They can convey scientific and technical information precisely, accurately, and clearly. Technical communication is recognized as an increasingly essential occupation in business and government. Technical communicators work with scientists and engineers in offices, factories, banks, hospitals, laboratories, from home, and on military bases. They work on a team, by themselves, as staff writers, managers, contractors, and consultants.

Be a leader

The Washington, DC Chapter (WDC), founded in 1953, is one of the largest in the Society with around 500 members. Our members share their expertise with the community and with newcomers to the technical communication field in many ways:

- Professional development seminars
- Job announcements, a talent pool, employment resources, and an annual salary survey available on our Web site
- Annual technical communication competitions with opportunities to compete at the international level
- Chapter newsletter: *Capital Letter*
- Discussion lists
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
- Scholarships for high school and college students
- Mentoring and community service activities

See www.stcwdc.org for details about our activities and the benefits of joining STC. Events are held in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia to accommodate members throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

The strength and camaraderie of the chapter are reflected in its award-winning Web site and its awards from the Society. Recent awards received are

- APEX® Awards for Publication Excellence for the Web site: 2005
- Chapter Achievement and Pacesetter Awards: 1988, 1995, 2001-2004, 2006-2008
- Chapter Newsletter Competition: 1986, 1997, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006
- Chapter Public Relations Competition: 1986, 2000, 2002

Get involved

Our chapter is active and exciting, and you help keep it that way! Volunteering builds your network and gives you new skills to highlight on your résumé.

Like to see your name in print? Plan events? Judge a competition entry? We offer long-term, short-term, or one-time-only commitments. Whatever your strength and interest, the Washington, DC Chapter has an outlet for you!

Fill out our volunteer signup form at www.stcwdc.org/php/volunteer_signup_form.php

Serve the community

The STC Washington, DC Chapter provides educational and charitable opportunities to our entire community. Some of our outreach activities include

- Charity book, food, and clothing drives
- Literacy programs
- Scholarship awards to high school and college students
- Presentations in classrooms and at student career days

How can you help?

Interested in the aims of the Society and willing to support the work of your chapter?

Be a corporate sponsor by helping us in any of the following ways:

- Donate to our student scholarship fund
- Host a monthly event at your site
- Sponsor event expenses such as food or printing
- Donate equipment for use in presentations or display of winning competition entries
- Join STC as a sustaining organization

For more information about corporate sponsorship and sustaining organizations, see www.stcwdc.org/sponsorinfo.shtml