



Minnesota Women of Today

10 Minute Orientation Series: United States Women of Today

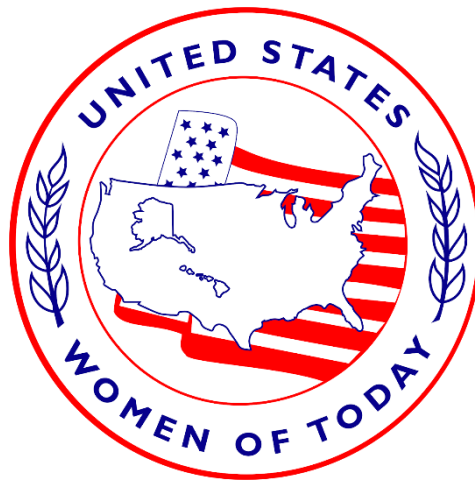
USWT Creed: We, the United States Women of Today, are dedicated to serving our community and nation, committed to strengthening our individual talents, and stand united by our friendship and belief in the future.

Why Founders Day is July 1st: The United States Women of Today, which began on July 1, 1985, is a nonprofit, volunteer organization that provides support for our local communities as well as leadership training and personal growth. Our purpose as stated in our bylaws shall be to encourage, foster and support the growth and establishment of state and local chapter members.

Where is the USWT Located: There are USWT chapters in the following states; Arizona, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Cyprus International.

USWT Yearly Dues: \$5.00 of your membership dues go to the USWT.

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USWT Leadership

The United States Woman of Today staff consists of the President, Membership Vice President (MVP), Extensions Director, Public Relations (PR) Director, Programming Vice President (PVP), Domestic Violence Awareness (DVA) Program Manager (PM), Wellness and Personal Development (WPD) Program Manager, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and the Chairman of the Board (COB). The USWT staff communicates with their state counterparts, who in return share information from the USWT with the chapters. As members, you can participate in fast starts, challenges, competitions and more. To learn more about the national organization, consider attending the USWT Mid-Year convention held in October or the Year End convention held in June.

USWT Recognition

USWT Community Connections Report: This form is used by the MNWT PVP to report CC, LL, MNWT Priority Area, WW, and YT educational, fundraising and service projects to the USWT once a trimester. We do not ask our chapters to complete this form. Instead, we ask them to ONLY complete the MNWT Trimester Programming Report. That information is shared with the USWT. Chapters submitting the MNWT Programming Report will receive USWT recognition.

USWT Outstanding Achievement in Programming (OAP): The OAP recognizes members who support programming by participating in different activities throughout the year. Any member can complete this certification by May 1 for recognition at USWT Year End Convention.

USWT Domestic Violence Awareness (DVA) Transmittal:

This form can be promoted by the WW SPM to chapters. When a chapter fills out the form both the WW SPM and the USWT DVA will receive a copy. Any educational, fundraising or service project for DVA can be submitted. Final submissions must be completed no later than May 1.

USWT Wellness and Personal Development Certification: The Wellness and Personal Development Certification is designed to assist individuals to be more aware of their physical and mental well-being as well as personal growth, and citizenship. The wellness portion of this certification is designed to inform, educate and update on a wide variety of wellness topics. The personal development portion encompasses the areas of speaking, writing, leadership, team building, listening and citizenship. To certify, you must complete a minimum of 15 out of the 30 items between May 1st and April 30th.

USWT Success Through Enthusiastic Participation (STEP) Certification: Promoted by the membership team, the STEP programs are tools used to promote growth and activation of the individual Women of Today member. STEP I, which must be completed within the first 120 days of membership, familiarizes the new member with local activities. STEP II is for the person who has been a member for 12 months or less. By participating in this program, they will become activated in the district, regional, and state levels. STEP III is for the person who has been a member for more than one year and up to five years or for any person in good standing that leaves the organization for any length of time and then rejoins the organization at a later date. STEP IV is for the person who has been a member for six or more years or for any person in good standing that leaves the organization for any length of time and then rejoins the organization at a later date. These programs lead to continued activation in the various levels of our organization.

Friendship Day: This is celebrated on the First Sunday in August, but you can plan an event any day in August. Friendship Day is a day set aside by the USWT to encourage members to get to know each other a little better and to have fun in the process. For chapter recognition, please complete the Friendship Day Form and return to mvp@uswomenoftoday.org no later than Sept. 1st.

One a Month Club: To achieve One a Month Club status your chapter needs to sign one new member every month for a full trimester.

Fellowship Builder: The Fellowship Builder Award is given to those chapters that take Friendship Day a step further by holding three more socials during the year. For chapter recognition, please complete the Fellowship Builder Form and return to mvp@uswomenoftoday.org no later than April 30th.

Along with the certifications listed above, there are many other opportunities to participate at the national level. During 1st trimester the USWT WPD Program Manager holds a writing competition. They also hold an impromptu competition at the USWT Mid-Year Convention and speaking competition at their Year End Convention. Each trimester USWT recognizes membership growth and retention. They also recognize a one a month club for the year and recruiters who sign ten or more members at their Year End Convention. Consider reading the bi-monthly publication the Today's Leader and supporting the DVA area by participating in the Buckets of Sunshine (BOS) collection at the MNWT Annual Convention.