

Thank you for your interest in the WIN System.

There are a lot of fine repeater groups out there, and we appreciate your interest in our group.

Because the WIN System is an OPEN repeater system, everyone is free to use the facilities of the WIN System at their own convenience. And many folks do. However, we can not continue to operate the WIN System without financial assistance. Unfortunately, it costs money to keep a System of our size running every day. That is why we offer a membership in the WIN System, whereby folks such as yourself can contribute financially to help keep the WIN System going... and growing.

Membership in the WIN System is not mandatory or required to use the facilities of the WIN System, as we said above. Membership is purely voluntary on your part. If the WIN System fulfills a need for you, and if you regularly use our facilities, and if you feel you should help support the WIN System, then you should join, and help keep us going strong.

We started the WIN System in 1990. 2010 begins our 21<sup>st</sup> year of continuous operation. Since our inception, we have considered \$10 a month as a reasonable amount to pay to help support the WIN System. That's about the cost of a lunch once a month. We prefer to have a years payment when you join, or \$120. We then pro-rate the next years dues on the following January 1<sup>st</sup>.

The WIN System strives to be a very friendly and helpful group. We encourage family participation and plan socials and events so that non-amateur family members will feel welcome. To endorse that philosophy, other family members who are hams can be included for "free" under the primary membership. Many spouses, kids, and family members are included on our System roster.

We believe in enjoying our hobby to the fullest, and the WIN System is our way of doing just that. To us, the WIN System is literally our "extended family." You will find folks of all ages, in all sorts of professions, with an enormous variety of interests and hobbies. You will also hear a lot of laughing and good-natured teasing in the group. We do have a lot of fun on the WIN System. However, that is not to say that we don't have our serious technical discussions, because we often do, and we encourage participation and questions in those discussions, and at all levels on the WIN System.

Probably the best way for you to find out more about the WIN System is to just begin using it! Get on one of the repeaters, identify yourself, and get to know some of us. It is our hope that by using the System for a while, and getting to know us, you can determine if the WIN System is a good "fit" for you. We all know that no one system can possibly meet the needs of every amateur. You may find that the WIN System just won't work for you, and your operating style. On the other hand, you may find that you really enjoy the WIN System, and our open, friendly atmosphere, and find that you'll want to join us and help support what we're trying to build. Your dues help to defray the Site rents, insurance and system maintenance. Every penny, and then some, is put back into maintaining our high-quality system, with as little down-time as possible.

So, please feel welcome on the WIN System, and/or join us for our regular Socail Activities each month. You can find them on our webpage under "Calendar." We hope that these venues, and the additional information included here, will help your enjoyment of the WIN System.

If you'd like to get more information, please don't hesitate to contact me, or just ask a WIN System member for help, or go to our webpage at [www.winsystem.org](http://www.winsystem.org). We hope to hear you on the WIN System, and look forward to talking with you soon.

# WESTERN INTERTIE NETWORK

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Relative \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Work Name \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Family application? List other family Hams \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been listening to System \_\_\_\_\_ Which sites \_\_\_\_\_

System members who know you \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ Year licensed and Class \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Other Systems you belong to, or frequent regularly \_\_\_\_\_

System help you're willing to perform \_\_\_\_\_

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Your UHF equipment \_\_\_\_\_

Do you work any of the bands on the Remote Bases? If so, which bands \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Bio of your ham radio background/experience \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The information submitted above will be included in the WIN SYSTEM Roster, which is distributed to all WIN SYSTEM Members. If you do not want specific information included in the WIN SYSTEM Roster, leave the appropriate line blank. This info does not go to anyone outside the WIN System.

Submit with the first years dues \$120 to: The WIN System, c/o: Jeff (Shorty) Stouffer, K6JSI  
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