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## Benefits of Membership

### Organizational Benefits

*Benefits available to Member World Affairs Councils as organizations*

**Academic WorldQuest** — WACA's flagship student education program is an easy way for member local World Affairs Councils to reach the high school audience in their communities. Only member Councils may hold local AWQ competitions.

**National Program Series** — WACA administers several national education series with funding to cover local event costs. Programs are awarded to local Councils on a competitive basis. Recent program series have been sponsored by the European Union, Carnegie Corporation of New York, and the Korea Economic Institute.

**Leadership Meetings** — Held semiannually in the spring and fall, these meetings are an opportunity to discuss best practices of running a local Council and to network with fellow Council leaders.

**Weekly Newsletter** — WACA sends weekly updates regarding events and programs occurring throughout the National Network of World Affairs Councils. This newsletter allows Council leaders to stay on top of national offerings and research content for their own local programming.

**Recommended Speaker Database** — This exclusive database of speakers recommended from within the Council network may be used for local council events and panels.

### Individual Benefits

*Benefits available to members, board members, and staff of Member World Affairs Councils*

**National Conference** — Individuals affiliated with member World Affairs Councils receive discounted pricing to the National Conference held in the fall of each year. Programming for this three-day conference includes professional development workshops, panel discussions on global issues featuring notable expert speakers, embassy receptions, and think tank visits.

**Cover to Cover** — These monthly conference calls are opportunities for Council leaders, members, and supporters to engage directly with esteemed authors on critical global issues.

**Weekly World News Update** — Weekly email sent to WACA's network featuring a curated selection of analysis from respected global sources on the latest world events. Many Councils send WWNU to their local members as a member benefit.

**Publication Discounts** — WACA has arranged exclusive discounts on well-known and distinguished publications including *Foreign Policy*, *The Economist*, *Daily Chatter*, and *Stratfor Worldview*.

**Eligibility for 1918 Society Membership** — The 1918 Society is comprised of individuals who support the World Affairs Councils of America in its mission of educating Americans on global issues. Membership includes a variety of special benefits and recognition at the annual National Conference and throughout the year.

**Leadership Missions** — These special trips are overseas fact-finding visits to a city, country, or international organization. Delegations are made up of national leaders of the council system, i.e. presidents of Councils, national board members, local chairpersons, program directors, and local board members.