



Upcoming Schedule

Check out our website for 2025 updates

- January - **Kickoff at Collin's Aerospace**
- February - **Annual Fundraiser Dinner**
- March - **Breakfast Series**
- April - **Partnered Event**
- May - **Evening Networking/Training Event**
- June - **Breakfast Series**
- July - **Wine Tasting & Networking Event**
- August - **Annual Golf Outing**
- September - **Breakfast Series**
- October - **MFG Day Event**
- November - **Members Appreciation Dinner**
- December - "Happy Holidays!"

Community Service Initiatives

- Women's Shelter Donation
- Non-Perishable Food Drive
- Toys For Tots
- School Supply Drive
- Reading with Kids
- Nursing Home Visits

Our 2025 Leadership

- President - Tina Cantrell
- Vice President - Raegan Pena
- Treasurer - Jennifer Sisson
- Secretary - Ruthann Gaston
- Co-Chair Events - Jessica Greenberg
- Co-Chair Events - Nicole Fisch
- Co-Chair Membership - Rebecca Peterson
- Co-Chair Membership - Stephanie Grennan
- Co-Chair Education - Valerie Moderhack
- Co-Chair Education - Bernie Luecke
- Scholarship Chair - Tina Cantrell
- Marketing Chair - Vacant
- Public Relations - Vacant
- WOTM Historian - Ruthann Gaston

If you would be interested in getting more involved in a committee, please let us know. We would love to talk further about the options with you.

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To know where you are going, you must know where you came from



Our Mission

Women of Today's Manufacturing (WOTM) is an organization that supports the creation and advancement of career pathways for women in local manufacturing and business professionals.

Supporting the Future of Manufacturing

In today's world, higher education has become essential for those seeking careers in manufacturing and other STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

However, as tuition costs continue to rise yearly, access to these pathways becomes increasingly challenging. Recognizing this, Women of Today's Manufacturing (WOTM), in partnership with the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, offers scholarships to support both men and women pursuing secondary education or technical training. This initiative aims to bridge financial gaps and encourage the development of skilled professionals in the manufacturing sector.

WOTM Scholarships and Investment Programs

WOTM offers a variety of scholarships, sponsorships, and reimbursement programs, all funded through dedicated fundraising initiatives:

- WOTM Scholarships administered by the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois:
 - Four \$1,000 Scholarships
 - One \$2,000 Scholarship

Since their inception, WOTM scholarships have granted over \$60,000 to students pursuing studies in manufacturing technologies.

- Annual Sponsorships for local robotics and LEGO teams, including Rockford Robotics, Metalheads, Stateline Robotics, Winnovation, and Flaming Monkeys, as well as events like the Rock River Robotics Off-Season Competition (R2OC).
- Educational Reimbursements of up to \$500 per semester for WOTM members in good standing to help cover educational expenses.

These initiatives reflect WOTM's commitment to advancing education and hands-on training in manufacturing and engineering.



Courtney, one of our 2024 Scholarship Recipients

Why Become a Member of WOTM?

- **Personal & Professional Development:** Gain access to unique opportunities for personal growth and career advancement through networking, workshops, and skill-building events.
- **Exclusive Facility Tours:** Participate in behind-the-scenes tours of local manufacturing plants and facilities, offering a firsthand look at the inner workings of some of the region's most established industries.
- **Educational Programs & Events:** Join specialized educational programs and events designed to enhance all aspects of business and leadership within the manufacturing sector.
- **Community Engagement:** Get involved in community outreach initiatives that make a positive impact and strengthen the local community.
- **Support STEM Education:** Contribute to the development of future STEM professionals by helping fund scholarships for local students pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering, and manufacturing.
- **Educational Expense Reimbursement:** As a member in good standing, you have access to WOTM's exclusive Educational Expense Reimbursement Program, designed to support members in advancing their education and skills within the manufacturing industry. (Subject to Terms and Conditions)

By becoming a member, you gain access to valuable resources, networking opportunities, and support that can help you excel both professionally and personally in the manufacturing field.



1

**Student
\$50**



2

**Individual
\$75**



3

**Corporate
\$325**

Coming Soon: School Memberships



WOTM Committees: Empowering Our Mission

The various committees within WOTM play a pivotal role in advancing our mission by planning and executing community events, enhancing our scholarship program, and driving membership growth and retention.

These committees provide members with the opportunity to actively contribute to the organization's success and make a lasting impact on the manufacturing industry.

Available Committees for Members:

- **Career Pathways Committee:** Focuses on developing and promoting clear career pathways in the manufacturing sector, connecting individuals to meaningful opportunities and helping them navigate their professional journeys.
- **Educational Programming Committee:** Works to create and implement educational initiatives, ensuring that WOTM offers high-quality programs that support both personal and professional growth within the manufacturing community.
- **Fundraising Committee:** Oversees the development and administration of the scholarship program, helping to provide financial support to local students pursuing careers in STEM and manufacturing fields.

By joining one of these committees, members can directly contribute to WOTM's efforts to build a stronger, more inclusive workforce, while also expanding their own skills and leadership experience.