



**“No nation was ever hurt by  
trade”  
*Benjamin Franklin***

## **The World Trade Association of Philadelphia**

The World Trade Association came into existence in February 1931, when survival was the keynote of the depressed economy. Despite the chaotic state of the nation, the organization was able to recognize the inter-relationship of a healthy economy and an active world trade. Prevailing international trade activity with its resulting problems gave rise for a need to exchange information and ideas to international trade. The program is administered by those individuals interested in international trade activity.

The basis for the founding of our organization has not changed, as is evidenced by Article II of our Constitution & By-Laws which outlines the purpose of the organization:

“The purpose of this Association shall be to promote and extend international trade, to provide a medium for the interchange of ideas among those engaged in international business of the United States of America and those of other countries, and in their efforts to build for greater international trade. This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise, to its members.”

The Association has been helping businesses for eighty years through its monthly meetings and educational programs. The WTA’s educational seminars, held throughout the year, in conjunction with monthly meetings, provide an opportunity to gain knowledge in a wide array of topics related to international trade.

There is a wealth of international experience within the Associations’ membership covering every facet of international trade. In addition to import and export firms, the WTA includes representatives from insurance companies, banks, shippers, steamship and air transportation companies, inland carriers, freight forwarders/custom house brokers, port authorities, and other government agencies.

A Scholarship Program was begun to assist the youth of the area in advancing their collegiate education through a grant program to help defer some of the cost of their studies.

The World Trade Association of Philadelphia is dedicated to the needs of a vital trade policy and believes it is their responsibility to carry on world trade in the best American tradition.

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**STUDENT APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address:

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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COLLEGE or UNIVERSITY: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$ 35.00 per year**

**All committees welcome participation from new and active members. Please consider stepping forward if you have a willingness to be involved. With input of ideas and opinions from the Membership, the Association can continue to focus on the issues relative to our business interests.**

- EDUCATION
- MEMBERSHIP
- PROGRAM
- NOMINATION
- GOLF OUTING

If elected to membership, I will abide by the constitution and By-Laws of the Association.	
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Date	Signature of Applicant

*Please mail the completed application, along with a check to:*

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P.O. Box 187, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054

*credit card payments accepted (VISA, MasterCard, Discover)*

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EXP DATE: \_\_\_\_\_