



## WHO IS SMSS?

The **Society of Military Spouses in STEM (SMSS)** was formed in 2016 by two military spouse engineers determined to overcome the challenges of maintaining a career with the military lifestyle. SMSS is a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit, member-run organization focused on helping military spouses in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields reach their full potential.

Our mission is to support active and retired military spouses in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields reach their full potential to create a positive impact by advocating for military spouses with technical interests; creating a network to connect military spouses in STEM with each other and with mentors and advocates to guide them through their academic and professional career; raising awareness of the challenges encountered by career-oriented military spouses and families; and increasing job, internship, education, and scholarship opportunities for military spouses in STEM fields.

## WHY JOIN SMSS?

- + Gain direct access to organizations and companies who are committed to supporting military spouses in STEM professions
- + Cultivate a network with like-minded STEM professionals
- + Grow through mentoring and mentorship opportunities
- + Add to the collective face and voice advocating for military spouses in STEM professions
- + Increase your visibility to potential employers
- + Gain access to scholarship, profile features, and professional development opportunities

	STUDENT MEMBER \$35	PROFESSIONAL MEMBER \$75	SUPPORTING MEMBER \$150
<b>MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS</b>			
<b>Founding SMSS Member Special Pricing *</b>	\$35*	\$35*	
Designation as Founding SMSS Member *	X	X	
Access to secret Facebook group and Online community for Military Spouse STEM collaboration	X	X	X <sup>+</sup>
Access to private LinkedIn group for networking and recruiting	X	X	X <sup>+</sup>
Access to STEM job listings on private LinkedIn job board	X	X	X <sup>+</sup>
Access to Members' Only newsletter and organization communications	X	X	X <sup>+</sup>
Ability to be featured in member communications	X	X	
Access to Members' Only Facebook live collaboration with Corporate Partners	X	X	X <sup>+</sup>
Access to Members' Only Corporate Partners for recruitment and engagement	X	X	X <sup>+</sup>
Potential to attend conferences and speak on behalf of Corporate Partners**	X	X	
Ability to apply for scholarships to assist in continuing education, professional licensure, or registration**	X	X	
Ability to apply for scholarships to assist in current career education**	X	X	
Can nominate or be nominated for SMSS Spouse of the Year**	X	X	
<b>MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS</b>			
Military spouse with a completed post-secondary STEM degree(s) as defined by the Department of Labor classifications		X	
Member must prove affiliation with military (base/post, location, etc)	X	X	
Member must provide proof of at least 6 credit hours of classes in current semester pursuing a qualifying post-secondary STEM degree	X		
Supporter of Military Spouses in STEM – can be a professional in a non-STEM career field			X

**NOTE:**

\* Founding SMSS Membership is valid from date of sign-up through December 31, 2018.

\*\* All benefits will not be available immediately. Benefits with (\*\*) are a future planned benefit to members.

<sup>+</sup> Access to online communities will be available on a discretionary basis. *Please contact us* for additional information.

Membership discounts will be provided to Directors, Committee Chairs and Committee Members who volunteer 20 or more hours to the organization.