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Many reasons to join ISM-St. Louis, Inc.

Professional Development and Certification Program

Enhance your career and job performance when you enroll, at substantial member savings, in ISM-St. Louis' seminars, briefings, conferences and symposiums.

ISM's Annual International Conference and Educational Exhibit Network with over 2,000 of your peers at the conference devoted solely to purchasing, Materials Management and Supply Chain Management.

Gain knowledge, confidence, respect, and increased potential for promotion when you earn the professional designation of Certified Professional in Supply Management (CPSM).

Inside Supply Management

This monthly magazine, available only to ISM regular members, contains information on new trends as well as insightful "how to" articles.

Report on Business (ROB)

Included in ISM insights, the monthly survey of purchasing statistics is considered by many economists to be the most reliable, near-term economic barometer available today.

Center for Advanced Purchasing Studies (CAPS)

ISM regular members receive purchasing related research studies and benchmarks free from CAPS. This is also a great resource to utilize if you have industry specific information that you'd like conducted.

Information Center and Library

Receive quick and accurate responses to complex questions from professional information specialist. This resource center contains specialized periodicals, research reports, textbooks, and databases to which members have unlimited access.

The Journal of Supply Chain Management

This is a journal of choice among supply chain management scholars across disciplines, by attracting high-quality, high-impact behavioral research focusing on theory-building and empirical methodologies.



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Buylines

ISM-St. Louis' monthly newsletter that provides details into upcoming events, summaries of the general monthly meetings, announcements, and insightful articles of interest to Supply Chain Professionals.

Monthly Meetings

Stay on top of local industry and commodity trends, as well as maintaining your professional network, by attending monthly meetings and educational presentations. Most meetings are held on an evening, generally offer short pre-dinner educational sessions, focus on a specific topic for each primary dinner presentation, and include a full meal (regular membership type only – other membership types must pay a \$32.50 dinner fee to attend the meeting).

Online Membership Directory

Gain access to other Supply Chain professionals that are local members. The member's only section of the ISM-St. Louis website provides a full membership roster, complete with contact information so that you can reach out to other local members for consultation regarding your projects or just to network.

Recognition and Awards

Earn recognition for exemplary service to ISM, ISM-St. Louis, and the Supply Chain profession. ISM-St. Louis has various recognitions and awards presented throughout the year at the monthly meetings, some of which include gifts of appreciation, in addition to, written and public acknowledgement. These awards range from Supply Manager of the Year to Scholarship Awards.

ISM-St. Louis Career Bank

As a value-added benefit to members, ISM-STL actively seeks supply management career opportunities with local and nation-wide employers for posting on the ISM-St. Louis website. A listing of the postings is available on an open page of the website. Specific details, including minimum education and experience requirements and how to apply, can be found on the "Members Only" section of the website.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering is a great resume builder, as well as, a way to meet new people and gain a feeling of involvement and accomplishment. ISM-St. Louis offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities – from short term, simple commitments to larger focused, more involved commitments across the various functions needed to keep a non-profit organization running. Volunteers are a diverse group of purchasing professionals comprised of vice presidents, planners, directors, managers, independent consultants and other supply chain professionals. They



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share a common commitment to improving the purchasing profession through leadership, education and networking. Volunteering can also help your professional career, not only by broadening your professional network, but also by enhancing your leadership and management skills, gaining industry recognition, and learning and applying new skills to further advance your career.

Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarships offered by ISM affiliates, Groups and Forums are available on the ISM website for Supply Management professionals. Currently, over 20 scholarships are listed on the national website.

Networking with Supply Chain Professionals

Network with Supply Chain professionals through an array of various channels (monthly meetings, ISM-St. Louis' LinkedIn group and forum, connections to other members via the membership roster, volunteering, and/or through an ISM Group). Research has shown that greater than 70% of all jobs are obtained through a network connection. This is a great way to stay connected to others in your industry.

Types of Membership

REGULAR MEMBER

When you join the ISM-St. Louis, Inc. as a Regular member, you also become a member of Institute of Supply Management Inc (ISM). This membership type extends full privileges and voting rights in both ISM and ISM-St. Louis, Inc. ISM is comprised of over 40,000 members nationwide, through local affiliates, such as the ISM-St. Louis, Inc. Headquartered in Tempe, Arizona, ISM provides research and development in purchasing education and produces seminars, newsletters, publications, and an international annual conference.

Regular membership includes:

- ISM-St. Louis Membership
- National ISM Membership
- ISM-St. Louis Website Access
- National ISM Website Access
- Buylines Newsletter
- 7 local dinner meetings including local pre-dinner educational seminars
- Discounted Local Seminar
- ISM Publications
- Cost: \$285 for new members and \$260 annually for renewals



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ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Associate members gain membership to ISM-St. Louis only; they do not maintain the same privileges of Regular ISM members and do not have voting rights, nor can they hold office or chair a national committee.

Associate Membership includes:

- ISM-St. Louis Membership Only
- ISM-St. Louis Website Access
- Buylines Newsletter
- 7 Local Dinner Meetings including local pre-dinner educational seminars
- Discounted Local Seminar
- Cost: \$165 for new members and \$160 annually for renewals

STUDENT MEMBER

This category of membership is open to students enrolled full-time in an accredited community college or four-year college or university. Full-time is defined as 12 or more credit hours for undergraduate students, and 6 or more hours for graduate students. You must indicate your estimated date of graduation on your application and submit a copy of your school-issued class schedule for the current semester as documentation of your full-time status.

Student Membership includes:

- ISM-St. Louis Membership
- National ISM Membership
- ISM-St. Louis Website Access
- National ISM Website Access
- Buylines Newsletter
- ISM Publications
- Cost: Free for qualifying students (note: Students can attend the 7 local dinner meetings and local pre-dinner educational seminars for a dinner charge of \$32.50 per meeting)

ACADEMIC MEMBER

This category of membership is open to educators employed full-time with an academic appointment as a teacher, research specialist, department head, director or dean of a college, university, or other academic institution with an educational responsibility including purchasing, materials management, or other related fields or subjects. Verification of employment status is required (a copy of your business card can serve as verification).

Academic Membership includes:



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How to Join or Transfer to ISM-St. Louis

For all new memberships, membership renewals, or membership transfers, contact ISM customer service at 800-888-6276, extension 401 or via email at custsvc@ism.ws. **To ensure that ISM-St. Louis is aware of your interest, please also send a note to Membership@ismstlouis.org** – please note though, that ISM National will process your membership request.