

## Who Joins The League of Women Voters?

- **Voters**  
who want to make government more responsive and accessible.
- **Women and Men**  
who want to influence policies that affect their community, state and nation.
- **Motivated Individuals**  
who are interested in developing their skills in leadership, conflict resolution, lobbying and public speaking.
- **Busy People**  
who want to support a progressive public policy agenda and are looking for a lively discussion of issues.
- **Thinkers and Doers**  
who want to find out about the hot issues in their community.
- **Parents**  
who are concerned about the world their children will inherit.
- **Concerned Citizens**  
who want to work together to improve the quality of life in their world.
- **Action-oriented**  
who want to roll up their sleeves and register other citizens to vote.

## The League of Women Voters is...

- **Political but Non-Partisan**  
The League does not support or oppose candidates or political parties. The League does work to influence public policy through citizen education and advocacy.
- **Grassroots**  
League members themselves choose which public policy issues will be targeted for study and action.

### VOTER REGISTRATION



- **Multi-Issue**

The League takes action on a broad range of issues-from violence prevention to pollution control, campaign finance reform and education.

- **Informative**

The League registers voters, moderates candidate forums, researches and holds conferences on key policy issues.

- **Influential**

The League lobbies elected officials and works in coalition with others to press its agenda in Washington, Springfield, and local communities.

- **Inter-Connected**

When you join, you become a member of League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford, the Illinois League and the League of Women Voters of the United States.

## Where you can find The League of Women Voters

 [Facebook.com/LeagueofWomenVotersofGreaterRockford](https://www.facebook.com/LeagueofWomenVotersofGreaterRockford)

League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford  
email: [membership@lwvgr.net](mailto:membership@lwvgr.net)

League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford  
website: <http://www.lwvgr.org>

State League website: <http://www.lwvil.org>  
National League website: <http://www.lwv.org>

## Local LWV Committees:

Please check all of your interests.

### Voter Service Committee

Facilitates voter registration and education. Recruits deputy voter registrars and election judges. I want to be a Voter Registrar and live in the City of Rockford \_\_\_\_\_, Winnebago County \_\_\_\_\_, Boone County \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership

Focuses on recruitment and retention of members, record keeping, and orientation events. \_\_\_\_\_

### Communications

Promotes League events and dispenses information to the media and public, prepares monthly *Voter*, and maintains website and social media. \_\_\_\_\_

### Education

Studies/lobbies state and local educational issues; provides education on the issues for League members and the public. \_\_\_\_\_

### Health Care

Studies a variety of health care delivery systems and advocates for the right affordable health care for all. \_\_\_\_\_

### Immigration

Lobbies/researches national, state and local legislation and provides education on issues for members and the public. \_\_\_\_\_

### Local Government

Promotes community vision/leadership by citizens; observes government boards and councils. Arranges candidate forums. \_\_\_\_\_

### Environmental Issues

Advocates for protection and preservation of natural resources. Studies alternative energy sources. \_\_\_\_\_

### Observer Corps

An opportunity to observe government in action and report back to the League. \_\_\_\_\_

Fund-raising \_\_\_\_\_ Event-planning \_\_\_\_\_

## Yes! I Want to Join Today!

- \_\_\_ General Membership \$75.00
- \_\_\_ Young or Student Member \$40.00
- \_\_\_ Household Membership \$110.00

### Or a Special Membership which includes your General Membership Fees:

- \_\_\_ Carrie Chatman Catt \$125.00
- \_\_\_ Susan B. Anthony \$150.00
- \_\_\_ Elizabeth Cady Stanton \$200.00
- \_\_\_ Julia Lathrop \$300.00
- \_\_\_ I cannot join at this time. Please accept my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

On Facebook? \_\_\_\_\_ On Twitter? \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your registration form and check to:  
The League of Women Voters of  
Greater Rockford  
4990 East State Street  
Rockford, IL 61108

Because we lobby for the rights of voters, membership dues and contributions to the League of Women Voters are not tax-deductible. Contributions to the Educational Fund are tax-deductible.

Please cut and return this portion with your membership application and fee.

*"While casting a vote is every citizen's right, casting an informed vote is every citizen's responsibility."*

*Making  
Democracy Work  
for All of Us!*

# LWV

# The League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford

## *League of Women Voters*

The League of Women Voters is a national non-partisan political organization with over 1,200 local chapters in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The League influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League grew out of the National Women Suffrage Association, which led the 72-year drive for a woman's right to vote in the United States.

### *The League's History*

The LWV of the United States began in Chicago at the Congress Hotel on February 14, 1920. Knowing woman suffrage was inevitable, Carrie Chapman Catt urged the National Women Suffrage Association to change direction and help American women to learn about the issues and "be worthy of the privilege of voting."

The League of Women Voters of Rockford was established in 1922 just after the formation of the LWV of the United States. Among the founders of the Rockford League was Julia Lathrop, a woman suffragist and founder of both the national and Illinois League of Women Voters. As early as 1926 when a discrepancy was found in the counting of votes, the League brought about the implementation of training for local election judges, a practice which continues today. Originally named the LWV of Winnebago County, the name was changed to LWV of Rockford in 1953 and to LWV of Greater Rockford in 1998.

### *Who May Join?*

Anyone, 16 or older, female or male, may join.

### *Today's Leaguers in Local Politics*

The League of Women Voters is a training ground for people in leadership positions and in politics. The League's founders sought to educate the woman voter initially, but that insight also empowered her to seek office in order to make a real contribution to society. Many of today's leaders are members of the League of Women Voters.

### *When You Join the League, you...*

- Learn how government works and how to make your voice heard
- Act on issues of importance
- Strengthen an activist network that shapes public policy
- Will be heard on discussions about timely political issues
- Receive membership benefits such as:
  1. The LWVUS *Voter* and *Action Alerts* keeps you one step ahead of the issues.
  2. The LWVIL *Voter* and *ENews* covering state legislation, statewide programs, and member activities.
  3. The LWVGR *Voter* features member events and community issues.
  4. Early notice and education on rapidly changing issues.
  5. The ability to testify on behalf of the League at government meetings.