

- **Voters**
Who want to make government more responsive and accessible.
- **People**
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.



- **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.
- **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, and researches and holds conferences on key policy issues. League mentoring programs build knowledge for new members through sharing experiences.
- **Influential**
The League lobbies elected officials and works in coalition with others to press its agenda in Washington, Springfield, and local communities in Boone and Winnebago Counties, Illinois.
- **Interconnected**
When you join, you become a member of the League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford, the Illinois League, and the League of Women Voters of the United States.
- **Welcoming**
As a League member you are with members of every age, culture, race, gender, political leaning, intellect, and socio-economic group. League friendships reach across societal barriers to create lifelong relationships.



The League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford

*Defending Democracy in
Winnebago and Boone
Counties, Illinois
Since 1922*



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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 women's suffrage was inevitable, Carrie Chapman Catt urged the National Women Suffrage Association to change direction and help American women learn about the issues and "be worthy of the privilege of voting".

History of the LWVGR

The League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford (LWVGR) was established in 1922, just two years after the formation of the LWV of the United States. Among the founders of the Rockford League was Julia Lathrop, the first woman to head Illinois and federal departments, a woman Suffragist, and founder of both the national and Illinois Leagues 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.

The LWVGR responds to many facets of local, state and national interests with several action and ad hoc committees. Most members are voter registrars and several are election judges. The League is a trusted conveyor of non-partisan information.

The LWVGR utilizes traditional in-person and in tandem with on-line meetings, social media, website and streaming technology.

Who May Join?

Any person, 16 or older, of any gender, may join the League of Women Voters.

Financial circumstances are no barrier.



Local LWV Committees:

Please check all of your interests.

• Voter Service Committee

Facilitates voter registration and education. Recruits deputy voter registrars.
I want to be a Voter Registrar and I 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, and maintains website, email, and social media. _____

• Election/Campaign Finance Reform

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

• Education

Studies/lobbies on 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 to affordable health care and prescription access for all. _____

• Local Government

Promotes community vision/leadership by citizens; observes government boards and councils. Arranges candidate forums and/or Meet & Greets. _____

• Environmental Issues

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

• Diversity

Our League endeavors to resemble our area racially, culturally, socio-economically, and in education. _____

• Observer Corps

An opportunity to observe and report on government in action. _____

• Fundraising

• Event-planning

Yes! I want to Join Today!

___ One Individual Membership at full rate.....\$75.
___ Household Membership (2 members)*.....\$110.
___ Young Member (Under 35).....\$20.
___ New Member Introductory for 1st year.....\$20.

Membership is open to all regardless of financial circumstances, so please feel free to decide how much you can pay:

___ One Individual Membership (sliding scale \$20 - \$75)
\$_____

These Special Memberships include your Individual Membership Fees:

___ Carrie Chatman Catt.....\$125.
___ Susan B. Anthony.....\$150.
___ Elizabeth Cady Stanton.....\$200.
___ Julia Lathrop.....\$300.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

E-Mail _____

May we add you to our no-spam, no-share contact lists?

Email: Yes ___ No ___ Text: Yes ___ No ___

*Additional Member Name _____

Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____

May we add your additional member to our no-spam, no-share contact lists?

Email: Yes ___ No ___ Text: Yes ___ No ___

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

Contributions to the Educational Fund are tax-deductible.

Please accept my donation of \$_____ to the
League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford
___ Operating Fund ___ Educational Fund.

Join online at the League website at <https://lwgvr.org> or you may complete this membership form and mail with your check to: Christina Hiltrop, 2937 Reserve Court, Aurora, IL 60502-1347
Questions? Contact Christina at billing@lwgvr.org or 815-262-6166.