

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 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.

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 meetings in tandem with on-line meetings and social media, website and streaming technology.

Who May Join?

Any person, 16 or older, female or male, may join the League of Women Voters.



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 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. ____
- **Election/Campaign Finance Reform**
Lobbies/researches national, state and local legislation and provides education on issues for members and the public. ____
- **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. ____
- **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. ____
- **Diversity**
Our League endeavors to resemble our area racially, culturally, socio-economically, and in education. ____
- **Gun Violence Prevention**
Advocates for sensible, safe, and legal weapon ownership by responsible individuals. ____
- **Observer Corps**
An opportunity to observe and report on government in action. ____
- **Fundraising** ____ **Event-planning** ____

Yes! I want to Join Today!

- ____ Individual Membership..... \$75.
 ____ Young Member (Under 35)..... \$40.
 ____ Student Member (F/T, ID required)..... \$40.
 ____ Household Membership..... \$110.
 (2 members)

These Special Memberships include your Individual Membership Fees:

- ____ Carrie Chatman Catt \$125.
 ____ Susan B. Anthony \$150.
 ____ Elizabeth Cady Stanton \$200.
 ____ Julia Lathrop \$300.
 ____ I cannot join at this time.

The League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford follows national League guidelines regarding dues structure. Ability to pay is not a barrier to becoming a member of the League of Women Voters. Would you like to be contacted confidentially regarding financial assistance? Yes ____ No ____

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

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.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____

Home Phone _____

May we add you to our no-spam, no-share text list?
 Yes ____ No ____

E-Mail _____

May we add you to our no-spam, no-share email list?
 Yes ____ No ____

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.



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.
- **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.
- **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.



The League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford

Where you can find The League of Women Voters

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

[Twitter.com/lwvgr](https://twitter.com/lwvgr)

[Instagram.com/lwvgr1922](https://www.instagram.com/lwvgr1922)

[Tiktok.com/lwvgr](https://www.tiktok.com/@lwvgr)

[YouTube.com/lwvgr1922](https://www.youtube.com/lwvgr1922)

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National League website<https://lwv.org>

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- Membership Committeemembership@lwvgr.org
- Voter Services voterservices@lwvgr.org
- Diversity Committee diversity@lwvgr.org
- Education Committee..... education@lwvgr.org
- Environmental Issues Committee .. environment@lwvgr.org
- Gun Violence Prevention Committee
gunviolenceprevention@lwvgr.org
- Health Care Committeehealthcare@lwvgr.org
- Immigration Committee..... immigration@lwvgr.org
- Local Government Committee . localgovernment@lwvgr.org
- Scholarship Committee scholarship@lwvgr.org
- Sunshine Committee.....sunshine@lwvgr.org
- Website/Listsaver/Emailadmin@lwvgr.org



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