

About the League

HISTORY The LWV of the United States began on February 14, 1920. On that date, Carrie Chapman Catt urged the National American Woman Suffrage Association to change direction and help American women learn about the issues and “be worthy of the privilege of voting.”

PURPOSES The League encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any citizen, 18 or older, male or female, may join. The LWV is nonpartisan and neither supports nor opposes candidates for elected office but does act on issues after member study and consensus.

LOCAL LEAGUES There are 51 Leagues with over 4,000 members in Illinois. Local Leagues hold public meetings on important and timely issues, host candidate forums, monitor local government activities, and act to ensure better communities. Joining a local League provides automatic membership in the state League and LWV of the U.S. as well.

TODAY’S LEAGUERS IN ILLINOIS POLITICS
The League of Women Voters is a training ground for people in leadership positions and in politics. Many of today’s leaders are members of the League of Women Voters.



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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 interested in developing their skills in leadership, conflict resolution, lobbying, and public speaking

BUSY PEOPLE who want to support a thoughtful public policy agenda

THINKERS looking for a lively discussion of issues

NEWCOMERS AND LONG-TIME RESIDENTS who want to find out about the hot issues in their community

PARENTS concerned about the world their children will inherit

COMMITTED CITIZENS who want to work together to improve the quality of life in their world

EDUCATORS who want to help young people become informed citizens

INTERESTED PEOPLE who want to stay well informed about local, state, national, and international issues

The League of Women Voters Is:

NONPARTISAN BUT POLITICAL 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 school funding.

INFORMATIVE The League registers voters, sponsors candidate debates, publishes voters guides and public policy research, and holds conferences on key 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 a local League in your community, the Illinois League, and the League of Women Voters of the U.S.

When You Join the League, You:

BECOME A FORCE FOR CHANGE

- Learn how government works and how to make your voice heard
- Act on issues of concern to you
- Strengthen an activist network that shapes public policy

EXPERIENCE PERSONAL GROWTH

- Join in-depth discussions about timely political issues and the complex challenges facing government
- Build your network of personal and professional contacts
- Develop skills and expertise that will open the doors to new experiences
- Gain access to information

RECEIVE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- The *National Voter*, a bi-monthly magazine that keeps you one step ahead of the issues
- The *Illinois Voter*, a quarterly publication covering state legislation, statewide programs, and member activities
- The local League bulletin, *League Lines*, featuring member events and community issues
- Action alerts on pending legislation and local events of interest