

NAPAWF Chapter Guidelines

General Objectives/Goals of NAPAWF chapters:

1. To provide an educational forum to empower APA women and girls.
2. To identify national and local community challenges facing APA women and girls.
3. To address identified challenges facing APA women through programs, events, organizing, and advocacy.
4. To build coalitions with other women's, women of color and APA organizations to address common concerns facing women, women of color and APA's.
5. To promote an APA women's movement of progressive APA women and girls.

Chapter Guidelines:

(1) ELIGIBILITY. Any group of five (5) or more paid members may apply to establish a Chapter.

(2) APPLICATION. APA women who wish to start a NAPAWF chapter must complete the accompanying Chapter Plan and submit it to the NAPAWF Chapter Development Chair for approval by the NAPAWF National Governing Board. All chapters must organize and operate based on the progressive mission and vision of NAPAWF, must adopt National bylaws and elect a governing board.

(3) MEMBERSHIP. Membership must be open and inclusive. NAPAWF membership of \$30 per year (\$15 for students and low-income individuals) is encouraged to support both chapter and national activities, but not required for participation in events. **NOTE:** Seventy percent (70%) of dues remain with the chapter, while thirty percent (30%) goes toward general support of NAPAWF (i.e., maintenance of the NAPAWF website, publicity and program materials provided to chapters, brochures, support of office staff, etc.). Accounting of dues is coordinated by the national office staff. When an individual pays her dues, she becomes a member of the chapter and the national organization.

This will entitle the member to:

- Subscription to NAPAWF newsletters and issue-specific fact sheets;
- Subscription to a members-only NAPAWF list-serve, action alerts, legislative news, and email updates;
- Discounts and scholarships for NAPAWF conferences, special events, and membership summits;
- Participation in NAPAWF events: mentoring programs, community outreach/education, and political organizing;
- Participation in NAPAWF special events: book readings, performance/art events, speaking events, and community briefings;
- Pride in knowing that you are a part of building a powerful progressive organization and a movement.

(4) FUNDRAISING. A chapter may conduct fundraisers under NAPA WF's 501(c)3 status. This status allows members of the community to make a tax-deductible donation. Chapters must review the corporate donor policy and be aware that corporate donors must go through a rigorous vetting process via the National Office before final approval. Like dues, funds raised are subject to the 70-30 split: seventy percent (70%) remains with the chapter, while thirty percent (30%) goes toward general support of NAPA WF.

(5) PLATFORM AREAS. Chapter leadership must review and be familiar with NAPA WF's six platform areas that form the basis of NAPA WF's work: (1) Civil Rights, (2) Economic Justice, (3) Educational Access, (4) Health & Reproductive Freedom, (5) Ending Violence Against Women, and (6) Immigrant & Refugee Rights

(7) NONPARTISANSHIP. While NAPA WF is a progressive organization, its 501(c)3 status regulates that any political activities be nonpartisan in nature.