



Business and Professional Women / USA

Bellevue WA

Business and Professional Women/USA fosters the success of working women by providing career advancement resources, work/life strategies and personal and professional connections.

Business and Professional Women/USA, founded in 1919, is a multi-generational, bipartisan membership organization. Established as the first organization to focus on issues of working women, BPW/USA is historically and currently a leader in grassroots activism, policy influence and advocacy for millions of working women.

Mission Statement: To achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information.

WHO WE ARE

As a national, grassroots organization, BPW/USA has 20,000 members, 1,300 Local Organizations in 54 states and U.S. territories, including members in almost every congressional district. BPW members are working women seeking to advance their career goals, earn higher salaries, build stronger business, achieve pay equity and equal opportunities and establish rewarding careers. Women are impacting policy, re-defining leadership and reshaping U.S. consumer trends. BPW members are on the cutting edge of these shifting roles.

- 89 percent are women working in business
- 45 percent are professionals in the fields of law, medicine, government, finance, education, and engineering
- 25 percent are CEOs, executives and managers
- 45 percent are small business owners
- 30 percent have a graduate or post graduate degree

BPW WORKING FOR WORKPLACE EQUITY AND WORK-LIFE EFFECTIVENESS

One of the first women's organizations to endorse the Equal Rights Amendment in 1937, BPW/USA continues to be a successful leader in promoting and supporting legislation affecting working women. In addition, BPW educates its members on policy issues and provides the tools to become effectively involved in policy development in their own workplaces and through grassroots efforts at the local, state and federal levels.

BPW/USA members not only work at the grassroots level but financially support their beliefs. BPW's Political Action Committee (BPW/PAC) provides contributions and endorsements to women and pro-women federal candidates who support the BPW legislative agenda.

SIGNATURE CONFERENCES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

BPW/USA's commitment to America's working women is reflected in our signature conferences, events and programming. These important tools communicate the core values of BPW and provide connections nationally as women learn from one another, support each other, lobby and create lifelong networks.

Signature Conferences

- ***Policy & Action Conference*** held annually for grassroots members in Washington, DC to learn and lobby
- ***National Conference*** held annually, this conference brings together more than 800 women, and BPW leaders representing 54 state federations, for professional development workshops, career coaching, BPW business, networking and personal connections

Signature Events

- *Equal Pay Day and Unhappy Hours* held annually, these events highlight the issue of pay equity and the continuing wage gap for women
- *National Business Women's Week* held annually, this event has for more than 75 years, spotlighted the accomplishments of women and their importance to American business

Signature Programs

- *Virginia Allan Young Careerist Program* helps young women and men, 21-35, hone their professional skills
- *Individual Development Program* helps women build the skills that will enable them to take that next important step in their career
- *Women Joining Forces: Closing Ranks, Opening Doors* helps women veterans transition from the military into civilian careers and life

SIGNATURE RESOURCES

BPW/USA Web site

This informative web site provides a portal of information for BPW members, stakeholders and supporters. Learn about BPW activities, events, programming and resources at www.bpwusa.org.

BusinessWoman Magazine

Published three times a year, this publication is a vital resource for working women and those who support them. Ninety percent of readers rate *BusinessWoman Magazine* as an excellent resource for working women.

Headquarters News

Published monthly, this electronic publication keeps BPW/USA members across the country up to date on the latest happenings at the national level and important developments in issues and trends affecting workplace equity.

Legislative Hotline

This weekly e-action alert provides BPW/USA members current information and reports concerning our legislative priorities.

Advocacy Classroom

A dynamic, online tool designed to educate individuals about communicating priorities to state and federal legislators. This tool was created to better educate members about issues related to our legislative platform.



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BELLEVUE BPW MEMBERSHIP

Building Women Power: Politically, Professionally and Politically since 1919

Your membership in Bellevue BPW gives you access to meetings, networking and training opportunities through the local chapter as well as district events and Washington state training programs and conferences. As a BPW Member you will have access to scholarships (local, state and national), Competitors for Young Careerists, specialized training through the individual development program and leadership training programs and online resources at both State and National levels. The tools you need to succeed. **Join BPW/USA today!**

BELLEVUE BPW MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Member of Local - \$125 Joining through a local organization gives you access to meeting and networking opportunities in your area. \$50 goes to your local chapter, \$40 goes to the BPW Foundation and \$35 goes to State BPW.

Student of Local - \$55 This category, offered to students of all ages, provides all of the benefits of the local membership at a lower cost. You must be enrolled as a student at a college to participate at this level.

Dual Membership - \$40 Already a member at another local? Become a dual member!

BELLEVUE BPW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Work Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Please indicate your preferred mailing address: _____ Work _____ Home

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Payment Method: Credit Card Check Cash

Credit Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Exp: ____/____ Security Code: _____

Membership Choice: _____ Local _____ Student _____ Dual

Type of Employer:

_____ Government _____ Educational _____ Assoc/Non-Profit
_____ Professional Services _____ Health/Medical _____ Communications
_____ Finance/Insurance _____ Retail Services _____ Manufacturing
_____ Retail Trade _____ Self-Employed _____ Construction/Real Estate

Occupation:

_____ Professional (Teacher, Lawyer, Physician, Nurse, Engineer)
_____ Managerial (President, CEO, Business/Department Manager)
_____ Administrator/Clerical
_____ Sales or Services (Insurance, Real Estate, Retail, Customer Service Rep, etc.)

Number of employees: _____ 1-10 _____ 11-50 _____ 51-100 _____ 100-500 _____ 500+

Are you a student: _____ yes _____ no

I was referred by: _____

I know someone else who would like to join Bellevue BPW. Please contact me! _____

Tell us about yourself: Profession, hobbies, career, family, travel, organizations, etc., We can't wait to highlight you in our Newsletter and to BPW members throughout Washington State!

Please turn at the next membership meeting or mail to:

Bellevue BPW
Attn: Membership Committee
PO Box 40621
Bellevue, WA 98015-0621

Questions? Contact Darlin Gray at 206.271.4420 or at dg@darlinggray.com

Welcome and thank you for joining Bellevue BPW!



BELLEVUE BPW MEMBER BENEFITS

- **Knowledge development.** Monthly speakers and programs inform and educate on current professional, political and personal growth topics.
- **Leadership.** Develop personal and professional skills through involvement in any one of many committees.
- **Legislative updates and political advocacy.** Active representation in Washington, D.C. and in Olympia, WA. Bellevue BPW members are invited to participate in the BPW/WA Political Action Committee.
- **Member benefits.** Washington state membership includes state competitions, training opportunities, State Conference, State Lobbying Day and Long Term Care Insurance options.
- **Career development.** Participate in Young Careerist, Individual Development Programs and access to web-based BPW/USA National job bulletin board.
- **Women's Resource Library.** Largest collection in the world, catalogued through the Library of Congress, 202.293.1100 x183.
- **Washington Business Woman.** Subscription to quarterly Magazine addressing key BPW issues.
- **Networking.** Opportunity to develop new business and professional contacts through monthly networking. Attend other chapters' events to extend your reach. Bellevue BPW Linked In group is coming soon for online group communications between meetings.
- **Marketing and promotions.** Members' names and contact info go in the BPW State Directory, and will be visible (with permission) on our local web site www.bpwbelleveue.org. Purchase banner advertising at low rates to promote your business. *Member Marketplace* table at each event for members to place marketing collateral.
- **Bellevue Chamber of Commerce membership.** Opportunity to attend a Bellevue Chamber event as Bellevue BPW's representative.
- **Community service.** Contribute to the community through group community service activities.
- **Savings.** Members save \$10 on monthly meeting registrations, and may also save \$\$ at other local chapter meetings, state events, etc.
- **Scholarships.** BPW advances education and self-sufficiency through BPW/WA Foundation and Bellevue BPW Scholarship funds.
- **Friendships.** Socialize and share experiences with women in your community and beyond.
- **Prestige.** Business & Professional Women is the oldest leading membership and political advocacy organization for business women.