**Professional Associations for Women**

**American Association of University Women (AAUW)**

American Association of University Women advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW (formerly known as the American Association of University Women) is a nationwide network of more than 100,000 members and donors, 1,000 branches and 500 college and university institution partners.

**American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA)**

The American Medical Women’s Association is an organization which functions at the local, national and international level to advance women in medicine and improve women’s health. We achieve this by providing and developing leadership, advocacy, education, expertise, mentoring and through building strategic alliances.

**Association for Women in Communications (AWC)**

The Association for Women in Communications is a professional organization that champions the advancement of women across all communications disciplines by recognizing excellence, promoting leadership and positioning its members at the forefront of the evolving communications era.

**The Center for Women’s Business Research**

The Center provides knowledge about women business owners and their enterprises worldwide. It provides original, ground-breaking research to document the economic and social contributions of women-owned firms, and consulting and public relations services to maximize the benefits of this knowledge.

**Financial Women’s Association (FWA)**

Financial Women’s Association is a nonprofit professional organization established in 1956 by a group of Wall Street women. Its goals are: to advance professionalism in finance and in the financial services industry with special emphasis on the role and development of women, to attain greater recognition for women’s achievements in business, to encourage women to seek career opportunities in finance and business.

**General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC)**

The General Federation of Women’s Clubs is a nonpartisan, nondenominational, women’s volunteer service organization founded in 1890. More than 100,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state and more than a dozen countries work in their own communities to support the arts, preserve natural resources, advance education, promote healthy lifestyles, encourage civic involvement, and work toward world peace and understanding.

**Girl Scouts of the USA**

Girl Scouts of the USA is an organization dedicated solely to girls, where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. Girl Scouts’ membership has reached 3.4 million members throughout the United States, including U.S. territories, and in more than 90 countries through USA Girl Scouts Overseas.
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**Girls Incorporated**

Girls Incorporated is a national nonprofit youth organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart and bold. With roots dating to 1864, Girls Inc. has provided vital educational programs to millions of American girls, particularly those in high-risk, underserved areas.

**League of Women Voters of the United States (LWV)**

The League of Women Voters of the United States, a nonpartisan political organization, has fought since 1920 to improve systems of government and impact public policies through citizen education and advocacy. The League’s enduring vitality and resonance comes from its unique decentralized structure. The League is a grassroots organization, working at the national, state and local levels.

**National Association for Female Executives (NAFE)**

Founded in 1972, the National Association of Female Executives provides education, networking and public advocacy to empower its members to achieve career success and financial security. Members are women executives, business owners, entrepreneurs and others who are committed to NAFE’s mission: the advancement of women in the workplace.

**National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)**

The National Association of Women Business Owners propels women entrepreneurs into economic, social and political spheres of power worldwide by: strengthening the wealth creating capacity of our members and promoting economic development within the entrepreneurial community, creating innovative and effective change in the business culture, building strategic alliances, coalitions and affiliations, and transforming public policy and influencing opinion makers.

**National Organization for Women (NOW)**

The largest organization of feminist activists in the United States, NOW has 500,000 contributing members and 550 chapters in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Since its founding in 1966, NOW’s goal has been to take action to bring about equality for all women.

**National Women’s Business Council (NWBC)**

The National Women’s Business Council is a bipartisan federal advisory council created to serve as an independent source of advice and policy recommendations to the President, Congress, and the U.S. Small Business Administration on economic issues of importance to women business owners. The Council’s mission is to promote bold initiatives, policies and programs designed to support women’s business enterprises at all stages of development in the public and private sector marketplaces, from start-up to success to significance.

**Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP)**

Women Impacting Public Policy is a national nonpartisan public policy organization that advocates for and on behalf of women and minorities in business in the legislative processes of our nation, creating economic opportunities and building bridges and alliances to other small business organizations.
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Women in Technology International (WITI)

Women in Technology International is a trade association for tech-savvy women, empowering women in business and technology to achieve unimagined possibilities. WITI has programs and partnerships that provide connections, resources, opportunities and a supportive environment of women committed to helping each other.

Women’s Sports Foundation

The Women’s Sports Foundation is a national charitable educational organization dedicated to advancing the lives of girls and women of all ages and skills levels through physical activity.

YWCA USA

The YWCA is one of the oldest and largest multicultural women’s organization in the world. Across the globe, the organization has more than 25 million members in 106 countries, including 2.6 million members and participants in 300 local associations in the United States. The YWCA’s mission is to eliminate racism and empower women.

Zonta International

Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. With more than 31,000 members in 66 countries and geographic areas, members volunteer their time, talents and support to local and international service projects as well as scholarship programs.

Alliance for Women in Media

1760 Old Meadow Road, Suite 500, McLean, VA 22102
Phone: 703-506-3290
Serves women working in electronic media and related fields.

American Business Women's Association (ABWA)

11050 Roe Ave., Suite 200, Overland Park, KS 66211
Phone: 800-228-0007
Provides opportunities for businesswomen to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition. Call the ABWA's national headquarters for local contacts.

American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants (AWSCPA)

136 South Keowee Street, Dayton, OH 45402
Phone: 800-297-2721 Fax: 937-222-5794
E-mail: info@awscpa.org

The American Woman’s Society of Certified Public Accountants is the devoted exclusively to the support and professional development of women CPAs. The society also addresses gender equity, the glass ceiling, work and family issues. To accomplish its mission, AWSCPA offers in-depth support in six important areas, including networking. AWSCPA’s Web site has information about meetings and conferences as well as current job opportunities. Some areas of the site are open to members only.
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**Association for Women in Computing**
Suite 1006, 41 Sutter St.
San Francisco, CA, 94104
Phone: 415-905-4663
E-mail: info@awc-hq.org
Serves programmers, analysts, technical writers, and entrepreneurs. Contact the national headquarters for local information.

**Association for Women in Science (AWIS)**
Suite 650, 1200 New York Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20005
Phone: 202-326-8940; 800-886-AWIS
E-mail: awis@awis.org
The Association for Women in Science (AWIS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to achieving equity and full participation for women in science, mathematics, engineering, and technology. AWIS has more than 5,000 members in fields spanning the life and physical sciences, mathematics, social science, and engineering. Events at the 76 local chapters across the country facilitate networking among women scientists at all levels and in all career paths.

**Association of Women in International Trade (WIIT)**
PO Box 65962
Washington, DC 20035
Phone: 202-785-9842
Monthly events with speakers, periodic seminars on trade topics, and a job bank.

**Business and Professional Women (BPW) Foundation**
1718 M Street, NW, #148
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: 202-293-1100
E-mail: foundation@bpwfoundation.org
BPW Foundation transforms workplaces by strengthening the capacity of organizations and businesses to create work environments that are inclusive and value the skills and contributions of working women.

**Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW)**
1201 Wakarusa Dr., Ste. C3
Lawrence, KS 66049
Phone: 785-832-1808
E-mail: crewnetwork@crewnetwork.org
For women working in all facets of commercial real estate. Call the national headquarters for local contacts.

**Federally Employed Women (FEW)**
Suite 425, 1400 I St., NW
Washington, DC 20005-2252
Phone: 202-898-0994
E-mail: few@few.org
Serves women in all levels of the federal government, including the military. Also offers a mentor program and seminars on policy and legislative processes.

**International Alliance for Women in Music (IAWM)**
E-mail: president@iawm.org
Serves composers, conductors, performers, and music lovers. Provides venues for female artists to perform and helps promote their shows.

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**National Association of Insurance Women**
Provides opportunities for women in the insurance industry to expand their circle of business contacts and knowledge through association activities such as state meetings, regional conferences and a national convention. Use national Website to locate local chapters.

**National Women's Political Caucus**
Suite 425, 1211 Connecticut Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: 202-785-1100
Leadership and campaign-training programs.

**Organization of Women in International Trade (OWIT)** -- The Organization of Women in International Trade (OWIT) is a non-profit professional organization designed to promote women doing business in international trade by providing networking and educational opportunities. Members include women and men doing business in all facets of international trade including finance, public relations, government, freight forwarding, international law, agriculture, sales and marketing, import/export, logistics, and transportation. Web site contains information about conferences, events, chapters in the United States and around the world, as well as a job bank. E-mail: ewhalley@worldnet.att.net

**Society of Women Engineers**
120 Wall St.
New York, NY 10005
Phone: 212-509-9577
Contact the national headquarters for local contacts.

**Women in Aerospace (WIA)**
204 E Street NE
Washington, DC 20002
Phone: 202.547.0229
WIA is dedicated to expanding women's opportunities for leadership and increasing their visibility in the aerospace community. Offers networking and professional development opportunities.

**Women in Housing and Finance (WHF)**
6712 Fisher Ave.
Falls Church VA 22046
Phone: 703-536-5112
E-mail: whf@whfdc.org
Monthly luncheons, a job bank, professional development, and special-interest groups on insurance, securities, technology.

**Women in International Security (WIIS)**
Center for Peace and Security Studies
Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service
Georgetown University
Washington, DC 20005-1145
Phone: 202-687-3366
E-mail: wiisinfo@csis.org
WIIS (pronounced "wise") is dedicated to enhancing opportunities for women working in foreign and defense policy. An international, nonprofit, non-partisan network and educational program, WIIS is open to both women and men at all stages of their careers.
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Women Presidents’ Organization (WPO)
155 East 55th Street, Suite 4-H
New York, NY 10022
Phone: 212-688-4114
E-mail: info@womenpresidentsorg.com
An organization for women whose businesses annually gross more than $2 million. The organization's mission states: improving business conditions for women entrepreneurs and promoting the acceptance and advancement of women entrepreneurs in all industries.

Women’s Caucus for the Arts (WCA)
PO Box 1498, Canal St. Station
New York, NY 10013
Phone: 212-634-0007
Has established a national network through research, exhibitions, conferences and honor awards for achievement. Call the national headquarters for local contacts.

Women’s Information Network (WIN)
Suite 635, 1511 K St., NW
Washington, DC 20005
Phone: 202-347-2827
A Democratic group that serves mostly younger women. It features a job center and a well-reputed networking event, "Women Opening Doors for Women," in which high-level professional women share their experiences at informal dinner parties.

Women’s National Book Association (WNBA)
3101 Ravensworth Pl.
Alexandria, VA 22302
Phone: 703-578-4023
Serves women in publishing, writing, and editing, as well as those who have an interest in books. Offers professional-development programs.