



Affiliations Policy

I. PURPOSE:

- A.** The Family of Women is an autonomous, self-directed, independently managed organization with no formal outside affiliations.
- B.** The Board of Directors and Leadership of the Family of Women are committed to serving our members and our communities in ways that are consistent with our Mission Statement.
- C.** The Family of Women is periodically approached by other organizations to partner with our organization and its members. As an organization, the Family of Women is active in its communities and may seek to engage with other organizations/individuals who align with its Purpose.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure information delivered to Family of Women members is appropriate, and outside groups are not soliciting its members solely for their own purposes.

II. POLICIES:

- A.** The Family of Women does not acknowledge or endorse the activities of any outside organization unless the Board has reviewed and approved an Affiliations Application which includes and indicates:
 - 1.** The terms of the relationship between the FOW and another organization or individual(s)
 - 2.** That the purpose, mission and core values of the outside organization are aligned with and further those of the Family of Women; and
 - 3.** That the outside organization agrees to endorse and promote the Family of Women.

B. Should a Family of Women Chapter want to create an ongoing affiliation or create an event with an outside organization or individual, the Chapter must submit an Affiliation Application to the Family of Women Board for approval.

Additionally, the application should be emailed to the Chief Operations Officer (COO) and the Chapter Leader for their information.

The application must be submitted to the Board for approval at least two weeks prior to the event.

C. Family of Women members who choose to participate in the activities or events produced by outside organizations do so without implying an official endorsement by the Family of Women. In addition, it is understood that a member's participation in these events does not imply acceptance of any liability by the Family of Women for injury or other damages as a result of their participation.

D. Membership rosters, mailing lists and databases of Family of Women members are considered "Confidential" and cannot be distributed or used to promote any non-Family of Women sponsored activity, either public or private.

E. Members who have left the Family of Women and may have formed other groups are not automatically endorsed as being affiliated with the Family of Women. Any affiliation or participation with such former members and their groups must conform to the provisions of this policy.