



# Ten Reasons to Join IFBWC

## 1. Impact

Be part of a state wide organization that strives to make a difference in the lives of workingwomen in Illinois. Belong to a state wide organization whose legacy of success dates back to 1919.

## 2. Helping Others

IFBWC is an organization devoted to "women helping women." In 1948, the members of IFBWC established The Celia M. Howard Fellowship to provide financial assistance to train well-qualified, mature Illinois women for study in the field of Diplomacy, International Management, Law, and Administration of Justice. Recipients of the Celia M. Howard Fellowship represent inspiration, integrity, and high purpose. Their contributions can hasten understanding and friendship in a tumultuous world.

## 3. Networking with Movers and Shakers

Create and sustain mutually beneficial relationships with a diverse group of women throughout the local community and state. Establish relationships, share ideas, contacts and resources to further your personal and professional goals.

## 4. Visibility

Increase your visibility in your community through involvement in IFBWC events -- locally, regionally and statewide. Meetings, newsletters and websites provide opportunities to showcase and promote you and your business.

## 5. Education/Career Enhancement

Participate in local and statewide programs that are designed to provide personal and professional development, growth and opportunities. Through monthly workshops, seminars and noted experts, our members are given opportunities to gain the skills they need to succeed and be successful.

## 6. Advocacy

Through our Legislative Committee you will stay informed and participate in the process through the updates that are shared with our members.

## 7. Flexible involvement level

Join an organization that works with your schedule. Your level of involvement is determined by you and your families needs. Are you looking for a monthly girls night out or would you like to spend more time engaging in networking opportunities with women throughout your Region or State.

## 8. Leadership:

Develop leadership skills at the Local, Region and State level with mentors to help you along the way. Take advantage of the career building opportunities that our IFBWC membership provides by participating in volunteer opportunities that match your professional goals or strengthen your existing skills. Become a recognized leader by getting involved in programs that benefit your local community.

## 9. Friendships

Being a part of IFBWC has a variety of rewards but one of the most valuable reward is the lasting and meaningful friendships that are formed. While engaging in the many activities and programs, you will develop supportive friendships as well as significant business relationships. Just imagine being in a room full of powerful likeminded women who are focused and energized about a current issue or a common cause.

## 10. Fun

IFBWC is fun, a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun and informative. The organization projects are fun. Social activities are fun. The service to the community is both touching and fun.

**Join IFBWC today!**

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