

## Federation Objectives

- To elevate the standards for women in business and in the professions;
- To promote the interests of business and professional women;
- To bring about a spirit of cooperation among business and professional women throughout Illinois;
- To extend opportunities to business and professional women through education along lines of industrial, scientific, and vocational activities.

## Our Vision

*To be the leading  
advocate for working  
women*



## You Are Invited To:

- ☑ **Connect** with other working women
- ☑ **Expand** your networking opportunities
- ☑ **Improve** and develop new skills
- ☑ **Develop** long lasting relationships
- ☑ **Make** a difference in our community



*We desire to support  
and educate working  
women of today and  
the future.*

## Illinois Federation of Business Women's Clubs, Inc.

[www.ifbwc.org](http://www.ifbwc.org)



## Our Mission

*To advocate professional and personal growth,  
leadership development and participation, equity  
and economic self-sufficiency for working women  
through education, legislation and networking.*

# Illinois Federation of Business Women's Clubs, Inc. (IFBWC)

**T**he Illinois Federation was chartered in December of 1919 with a mission of "Women Helping Women". The federation grew from that early start and continues to be a very powerful organization. Our organization exists to help women, in their careers and their personal growth.

It doesn't matter if you're just starting out, or building your career. Today's professional woman needs all the help she can get—assistance in developing usable skills, support in creating an equitable workplace, encouragement in attaining that next level on the road to success. That's what IFBWC is all about.

## We Help Working Women By:

- Providing an environment that elevates success in your professional and personal lives
- Developing your leadership skills and offering you the opportunity to develop public speaking skills
- Providing you with an awareness of legislative and health issues pertaining to women
- Providing networking activities and developing life-long friendships
- Teaching you how to run an effective business meeting



## Reasons to Join

- ◆ **Increase** your visibility in your community through involvement in IFBWC events - locally, regionally and statewide.
- ◆ **Participate** in local and statewide programs that are designed to provide personal and professional development, growth and opportunities
- ◆ **Join** an organization that works with your schedule. Your level of involvement is determined by you and your families needs.
- ◆ **Enjoy** the career building opportunities that our membership provides by participating in volunteer opportunities that match your professional goals or strengthen your existing skills.



## Celia M. Howard Fellowship

**T**he Celia M. Howard Fellowship program was established by the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs in 1948. Its purpose was to give financial assistance to train well-qualified, mature Illinois women for study in the field of Diplomacy. This Fellowship has since been expanded to include study in International Management, Law, and Administration of Justice.

Since 1950, over 150 women have received financial assistance from this fellowship. The total amount and number of awards varies annually.



For a list of eligible schools visit:  
[www.celiamhowardfellowship.com](http://www.celiamhowardfellowship.com)

*Come & have some Fun! Everything we do is Fun from social activities to projects.*