



Membership is open to individuals of good moral character who live and /or work in Palm Beach County and who meet the following criteria:

- Currently, and for the two years immediately prior to application, has had a significant ownership position in a business; or
- Currently, and for the two years immediately prior to application, holds an executive-level position with a high level of authority and responsibility in one or more volunteer, private, volunteer or public-sector organization; or
- Currently holds an elected public office; and
- In addition to 1, 2, or 3 above, has demonstrated commitment to community service through documented volunteer service to a community based public service organization or program, non-work related, through an active role of leadership, collaborative effort, individual achievement and/or special projects
- A prospective member needs to be sponsored by a current Member who is familiar with applicant and her qualifications for membership.
- Applicants for Membership must attend at least one EWPB event within the one-year period immediately prior to making application.

A completed application includes:

- Online or printed MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION to be completed by applicant
- Optional RESUME, CURRICULUM VITAE or BIO if available
- COVER LETTER – submitted by applicant detailing desire to join EWPBF as well as anticipated contributions to EWPBF
- LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION AND COMMITMENT to be completed by sponsor which includes:
 - How long she has known the candidate and in what capacity
 - How EWPBF can be of beneficial to the candidate
 - How EWPBF will benefit from the candidate’s membership
 - Any other pertinent information that the sponsor would like to include
- Commitment as a sponsor
- SUMMARY CHECKLIST to be completed by sponsor



APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Upon receipt of a completed application by the EWPBF office, it will be reviewed by the Membership Committee. In the case of an application that does not meet the criteria, the Chair of the Membership Committee will contact both sponsor and applicant. Qualified applicants are recommended to the Board of Directors. An affirmative vote of acceptance by the majority of the Board of Directors is necessary to complete the process.
- Accepted applicants are contacted by the Chair of the Membership Committee and welcomed into the organization. A new member will be given a Membership Packet by the EWPBF Foundation Manager who will guide her through the details of enrollment as a member.
- Annual dues must then be paid within 30 days of receipt of their dues invoice to activate membership.

MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS:

- New members and their sponsors are strongly encouraged to attend a New Member Orientation, which is held at least semi-annually.
- All members of EWPBF are encouraged to participate in sustaining and growing our organization as well as supporting the EWPBF vision and mission. There are many opportunities for involvement including attending EWPBF events, participating in a committee (Programs, Membership, WILA, etc.)
- sponsoring an event, and offering one's particular expertise and talents where needed.
- Suggestions from members regarding best practices and innovative ideas are always welcome.

A member's financial obligation includes, but is not limited to:

- Attendance at least two EWPBF events annually as well as WILA and the Annual Meeting and please be aware that most of our events do involve a registration fee.