



NEW YORK STATE WOMEN, INC. ENDORSEMENT PROCEDURES

GUIDELINES FOR LOCAL CHAPTERS AND REGIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO NEW YORK STATE WOMEN INC.'S ADVOCACY / ENDORSEMENT COMMITTEE

New York State Women, Inc. will endorse candidates regardless of party affiliation, sex, race, national origin, age, etc. if they meet the following endorsement criteria.

Section I. QUALIFICATIONS

- 1) Any candidate seeking endorsement of NYSWI shall support the NYSWI State Legislative platforms.
- 2) A candidate for State Legislative office may also be endorsed by a local chapter or region in addition to receiving support from the NYSWI.

Section II. PROCEDURES

- 1) At a local chapter, region or state meeting, endorsement of a candidate shall be decided by a majority vote of the membership present.
- 2) When a candidate is endorsed by a local chapter, region or state, the chapter, region or state shall forward five copies of the information below to the New York State Women, Inc. Advocacy Chair at least 30 days prior to the primary or general election:
 - a. An Endorsement Application Form,
 - b. Completed Candidate Endorsement Questionnaire filled out by the Candidate seeking endorsement,
 - c. Candidate's Website Address, and
 - d. If available, the names of other groups or organizations endorsing the candidate and what support the candidate is receiving from her/his political party.
- 3) If the candidate is an incumbent, the candidate's voting record must show strong support for NYSWI issues.
- 4) All candidates must be deemed electable.