

** Please note that these guidelines are only applicable if and when the NYSWI PAC is created.*

NEW YORK STATE WOMEN INC. PAC

WHAT IS NYSWI PAC?

The New York State Women Inc. Political Action Committee (NYSWI PAC) is the political action committee of New York State Women Inc. and is intended to help support candidates who support our Legislative Platform of ensuring workplace equity, work-life effectiveness, protection of civil rights and protection of women's health rights.

WHO DOES NYSWI PAC SUPPORT?

NYSWI PAC supports New York State elected officials, such as candidates running for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General, New York State Senate and New York State Assembly.

HOW WAS NYSWI PAC ESTABLISHED?

NYSWI PAC, formerly know as NYS BPW/PAC, was founded by Dr. Meryl R. Grayer in 1982 and is intended to support candidates that support women's issues.

DOES NYSWI PAY FOR THE PAC?

No, the NYSWI PAC has its own treasury, bank account and treasurer. Your participation, or non-participation, in the PAC is voluntary and will not affect your membership in NYSWI.

WHY SHOULD I CONTRIBUTE TO THE NYSWI PAC?

Running for office in the new media age can be very expensive. It is important to provide resources to candidates running for office that support the goals and ideals of NYSWI. Without the proper resources, a candidate cannot get elected to office and thus represent our ideals and values.

WHO CAN CONTRIBUTE?

Any member of NYSWI can make a contribution to the PAC. Non-members may make voluntary contributions to the PAC, but they cannot be solicited for contributions. All contributions to NYSWI must be personal contributions.

CAN A LOCAL CHAPTER MAKE A PAC CONTRIBUTION?

No, a local chapter cannot make a PAC contribution, but it can solicit its membership for personal contributions to the PAC.

CAN A LOCAL CHAPTER REQUEST PAC SUPPORT FOR A CANDIDATE?

Yes, a local chapter can make a request to the PAC Committee for support of a candidate for office. The request will be reviewed based on the candidate's positions on our legislative platform.

WHAT IS A PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION?

Personal contributions are checks from a NYSWI member or their business. In New York, an individual can contribute \$150,000 during a calendar year to all sources and \$94,200 to a political action committee. A corporation can contribute up to \$5,000 in a calendar year to all sources. Each affiliated or subsidiary corporation, if a separate legal entity, has its own contribution limit.

WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS REGARDING CONTRIBUTIONS?

For the full list of rules governing political contributions in New York, please visit the New York State Board of Elections at www.elections.state.ny.us. You may also contact the NYSWI PAC chair.

HOW CAN I MAKE A CONTRIBUTION?

You can make a contribution by sending your check, made payable to NYSWI PAC, along with the attached donation form to NYSWI PAC, ATTN: Judith A. Coyle, 325 Rock Cabin Road #9, Montour Falls, NY 14865.

IS MY CONTRIBUTION TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

No, contributions to the New York State Women Inc. PAC are not tax deductible for state or federal tax purposes.

CAN I MAKE A PAC CONTRIBUTION IN SOMEONE ELSE'S NAME?

No, the Federal Election Commission (FEC) prohibits contributions by one person in the name of another person.

CAN MY EMPLOYER REIMBURSE MY PAC CONTRIBUTION?