

### **Business Women of Missouri Mission**

The mission of the Business Women of Missouri is to achieve equity for women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information.

### **Business Women of Missouri Objectives**

- To elevate the standards for women in business and the professions.
- To promote the interest of business women.
- To encourage a spirit of cooperation among business women throughout the state of Missouri and beyond.
- To extend opportunities to business women through education along lines of industrial, scientific, and vocational activities.

### **Business Women of Missouri's Focus**

The goal of the Business Women of Missouri is to implement its objectives.

United by a state club, local clubs plan meetings and special events geared toward improving the status of women. Programs are varied to meet the needs of the local clubs and their communities.

Legislative activity is encouraged by the state club as another medium for clubs to achieve their objectives.

All programs, meetings, and activities, put the primary focus on the individual member.

### **Business Women of Missouri Foundation**

The Business Women of Missouri Foundation was established in April 1993 to provide scholarships to enable Missouri citizens (men/women) to acquire the education/training necessary for their chosen careers. The Foundation further promotes the improvement or development of individual skills through the use of lectures, seminars and other forms of instruction. The Foundation will conduct and/or support research in economic and social problems confronting the State in those areas of interest as identified by the Foundation's Board of Directors.

The Foundation's goal is to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for working people through research, education and information.

As a not for profit organization, the Business Women of Missouri Foundation is charged with orchestrating fundraising programs and events to support their goals. Because the Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization, all donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible.

### **Business Women of Missouri Foundation Scholarships**

Since 1995, the Federation has awarded \$87,450 in scholarships to young women of Missouri. Nine \$1,000 scholarships have been awarded at recent annual state conferences. Several scholarships are available including one targeting a candidate who is working for a degree leading to public service and another for a Woman in Transition. Applications are available on the website: [www.businesswomenmo.org](http://www.businesswomenmo.org). Click on the scholarship link and follow the directions provided. The application deadline is January 15.



**Business Women of Missouri**

#### **BWM Offers You:**

*Networking Opportunities  
Leadership Experience  
Personal Growth  
Participation Opportunities  
Friendship and Fellowship*

Please complete the application below.

Local Club you choose to join:

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

Check to receive Missouri Business Woman  
by email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Yr. \_\_\_\_

Business/Company \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Detach and return to your local club treasurer or mail with check payable to BWM to:

BWM State Office. PO Box 28243. Kansas City. MO. 64188  
www.businesswomenmo.org

### Membership Policy

Membership is available to those who support the objectives of Business Women of Missouri. Membership is open to all individuals.

Members of the Business Women of Missouri have the opportunity to participate on the local, regional and state levels. Check our website: [www.businesswomenmo.org](http://www.businesswomenmo.org) to find a club near you.

### Membership Dues

Each local club sets the rate for their dues and the method of collection. All local members are also members of their area's region and of the state club. State membership dues are \$35 for one year (May-April). Members joining mid-year may prorate their dues @\$3 per month until May when they will renew for the following year. Each membership includes a subscription to the quarterly publication, the Missouri Business Woman Magazine.

Interested parties who do not choose to join a local, may join the state club as a Member At Large and pay annual dues of \$40 (May-April). Students may join for \$20 a year (May-April). (Members at large may prorate dues at @\$3.50 per month; Student members may prorate dues @\$2 per month) Those members should complete the application at the left and mail with a check to the state office.

### Special Programs

The Business Women of Missouri are committed to a number of special programs designed to elevate the status of women in the workplace, at home and in the community. Examples of those programs are briefly outlined as follows:

### • Individual Growth

Teaches the participants confidence in expression and public speaking for application at the podium, as well as at hearings, forums, interviews or in debate. The program includes lessons on parliamentary procedure and podium etiquette. Participants also learn about the history of the Business Women of Missouri, the organization's objectives and accomplishments.

### • Generations Taking Charge

The program is designed to encourage generation to generation education with mature members learning from young adult members and visa versa.

### • Domestic Violence Task Force

The task force's ultimate goal is to eliminate domestic violence by providing support and education to both victims and their advocates. The task force works with local and state government representatives to increase awareness and to encourage proactive legislation.

### • Uniting With Military Women

The committee is dedicated to helping our military women bridge the gap between military service and civilian life. The program also assists local clubs search out military women who are currently serving and wives of active servicemen to offer support and assistance as needed.

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### 2011-2012 BWM Officers

President	Sharon Tuttle
President Elect	Megan Broemmer
Vice President	Nancy Grey
Recording Secretary	LuAnn Irby
Treasurer	Sherry Jones