ABOUT US

FWA was established in 1956 when eight enterprising women on Wall Street met to share professional experiences and further their knowledge. Today, our non-profit organization proudly supports over 800 members worldwide and promotes the professional development and advancement of all women through education, mentorship, scholarships, networking, and alliances across the financial community.

WHO WE ARE

FWA Is a Community United by Purpose

Our goal: Advance the leadership growth and accelerate the success of all women in the financial community.

Vision: A world in which women have equitable representation and recognition across all levels of the financial community.

Mission: Promote the professional development and advancement of all women through education, mentorship, scholarships, networking, and alliances across the financial community.

EMPOWERMENT
We are unwavering champions, empowering our members and organizations to achieve inclusive, equitable representation at all levels for women in finance.

COMMUNITY
We engage and connect members by providing a supportive community that recognizes all contributions while fostering collaboration and accountability to realize our common goals.

DEVELOPMENT
We are a community of lifelong learners committed to personal and professional development for ourselves and the next generation through education, mentorship, scholarships, networking, and alliances.
FWA IN ACTION

FWA connects a vibrant community of dynamic financial professionals and proactive institutions focused on development and empowerment to advance leadership growth and accelerate the success of all women in finance.

FWA promotes the professional development and advancement of all women through education, mentorship, scholarships, networking, and alliances across the financial community.

With a rich history since 1956, over 800 members and numerous corporate, government and academic allies, FWA is ideally positioned to address the challenges facing women today and help realize a world in which they have equitable representation and recognition across all levels of the financial community.

JOIN US!     BECOME A CORPORATE SPONSOR

FWA puts action behind its words by:

Furthering knowledge with outstanding programs that explore social concerns, technology, and financial and political issues.

Expanding horizons through international conferences and regular briefings with government officials and industry leaders.

Contributing to our communities as reflected in 20+ years of scholarships and mentoring programs, internships, and community service activities.

Within the financial services industry, the FWA provides a public forum for examining important contemporary issues in business, finance, governmental policy and civic affairs.

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OUR MEMBERSHIP

FWA mirrors the dynamic financial services industry with a diverse membership that illustrates the breadth and depth of opportunities and occupations.

In addition to engaged members from all levels in private industry and the public sector who share their expertise with others, FWA benefits from exceptional collaboration with corporate sponsors and alliances. As members of the FWA’s President’s Circle, these companies demonstrate their advocacy of women’s leadership initiatives – increasingly important to top firms looking to develop talent, retain key employees, and recruit high-potential staff.
OUR ACTIVITIES

From personal to professional life, FWA offers exciting programs each year designed to broaden horizons and enhance skills.

By fostering an ongoing dialogue on contemporary issues, FWA fulfills a need for timely information on specialized industry and community affairs topics. Prominent speakers regularly take the podium at FWA events to share their ideas with members. From global marketplace issues to corporate support for education, from regulatory trends to business ethics, the scope of discussion reflects the wide variety of member interests.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN LEADERS

FWA is committed to highlighting the achievements of distinguished women, bringing members and leaders together for interactive exchanges throughout the year. FWA’s Pacesetter Program is a continuing partnership with FWA President’s Circle sponsorship companies that recognizes outstanding women who exemplify the character, achievement, passion, and leadership that is critical to the organizational success and to the support and development of the next generation of women leaders within those firms. Special events and ongoing programming offer professional development and networking opportunities. Activities address topics from mentoring and scholarships to corporate board advocacy and referrals.

PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

FWA scholarships, financial literacy workshops, community service activities — and mentoring programs — have benefited more than 6000 individuals over the past 30 years.

FWA provides members opportunities to share their knowledge and experience as financial literacy educators and mentors to high school, college, and graduate students.

FWA’s Wall Street Exchange is a career development program designed to augment the summer internship experience of select qualified rising college seniors. The program consists of a series of weekly events (8 weeks) hosted by top financial services firms and focuses on professional and personal development.

HONORING OUTSTANDING LEADERS

For over 30 years, FWA has honored a woman leader in the public sector and another in the private sector as FWA Women of the Year for their achievements, leadership, and professionalism. These awards, along with awards for other outstanding/notable honorees, are presented at the Annual Summit and Awards Ceremony, the FWA’s major fundraising event supporting our nationally acclaimed scholarship, mentoring and summer training programs.
PRESENTING DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

Through our Distinguished Speakers programs, the FWA introduces members to CEOs and other senior corporate executives. We learn how these leaders perceive and resolve key strategic issues, share success stories of accomplished women leaders and hear how corporations promote the capabilities and potential of female executives.

SUPPORTING PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL GROWTH

Professional development and educational programs are central to enhancing personal effectiveness and continuing professional growth. With seminars exploring topics such as estate planning, investment strategies, caring for aging parents, and strategies for working mothers, FWA equips members with necessary knowledge to navigate their private and professional lives.

FWA’s Career Center connects members with employers specifically interested in hiring women.

FWA Resume Book, open to members seeking employment and produced twice each year, is shared with recruiting partners at participating President’s Circle firms and other corporate sponsors.

Back2Business™, offered in partnership with four sponsoring organizations, is a unique and innovative program providing opportunities for individuals who have left the workforce to return in a way that recognizes the extra support they may require to re-start and re-establish their careers.

Mentor2Mentor, a peer-to-peer member benefit, pairs members to mentor one another.

ACHIEVING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE

To encourage ongoing dialogue between the financial community and the public sector, FWA sponsors fact-finding forums in the United States and abroad. These local, national and international forums enable members to gain needed insights into the turning points and trends that shape our global economy. We go right to the scene to meet with business and government leaders who influence the world’s events.

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