



2024 FAQ/FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Whether you are a new member of 100+ Women Who Care Johnson County, or a renewing member, we encourage you to review these Frequently Asked Questions to ensure you are familiar with our mission, contributions and meeting protocol.

HIGHLIGHTS

What is 100+ Women Who Care Johnson County?

100+ Women Who Care Johnson County is a “giving circle” initiative created to support nonprofit organizations who help our county become a better place to live, work and play. Our philanthropically minded women believe our collective giving can accomplish more for our county than we might achieve individually.

What is the financial commitment?

Our members make a \$500 annual commitment which covers a \$100 Annual Contribution to the 100 Women Who Care Fund at the Johnson County Community Foundation (JCCF), and four \$100 donations to the nonprofits our members choose at quarterly meetings.

Are there payment options?

Yes, we offer two nonrefundable options. You can pay via cash, check or credit card online through the Johnson County Community Foundation (JCCF) portal OneCause.

For members joining or renewing at the beginning of any calendar year:

- A. You can pay the \$100 Annual Contribution with your Annual Commitment Form and promise to make four \$100 donations to the nonprofit organizations chosen at each quarterly meeting, or
- B. You can prepay your annual \$500 commitment (\$100 Annual Contribution to the 100 Women Who Care Fund and four quarterly \$100 grantee donations) directly to JCCF and they will distribute the donations.

Our Annual Commitment Form outlines payment options in detail.

When are the quarterly meetings?

Our 100+ Women Who Care Johnson County giving circle conducts quarterly meetings on the first Thursday of February, May, August and November. Doors open at 4:45 p.m. for optional Social Time. We begin the Meeting at 5:30 p.m. and end promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Where are the quarterly meetings held?

In 2024, we will meet at The Barn at Bay Horse Inn - 1468 West Stones Crossing Rd., Greenwood.

Is there a cost for each meeting?

Yes, every member pays a small \$15 Event Fee for each meeting. We apply this fee to our meeting expenses for the venue, tables, linens, chairs, hors d’oeuvres, food/beverage staff, bartender and cash bar. You can pay \$60 at the beginning of the year, or pay quarterly at the door via cash, check or credit card online.

May I attend a meeting as a Guest before I join?

Yes, you may attend as a Guest one time before joining. Currently, our Sponsorship Program covers the Guest Event Fees, so guests can attend at no cost. *(Reminder: Only Members may nominate a nonprofit and/or vote.)*

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COMMUNICATION RESOURCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Email Contact

We rely on email for our formal communications – meeting announcements, reminders and renewal notices. Please add our email address to your contacts, so our messages don't land in your "Junk" folder. Also, be sure to advise us when your email address changes so you continue receiving meeting news and reminders.

- **Email address:** 100WomenJC@gmail.com

U.S. Mail

If mailing your Annual Commitment Form/donation checks, mail them to JCCF.

- **Johnson County Community Foundation.**
P.O. Box 217, Franklin, IN 46131
Attn: 100 Women

Facebook

We use Facebook to share good news and reminders, so please be sure to "Like" our page, comment and share our posts. Many of our members learned about us through Facebook, so it's a great way to share our 100+ Women Who Care success story with friends, family and residents who might be interested in our mission. The more people who know about our impact, the more likely we are to grow our membership and that means giving bigger grants to help the community.

- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/100WomenWhoCareJCIN/>

Web Page

If you need additional details, please refer to our web page located on the JCCF website. It's a perfect way to share our story with anyone asking about 100+ Women Who Care Johnson County.

- **Website:** <https://www.jccf.org/100-women>

Annual Meeting Flyer

We produce an annual Meeting Flyer with quarterly meeting dates and details. Keep it as a reminder and/or share it with others who may be interested in learning about our cause or attending as a Guest.

- **Meeting Flyer:** <https://www.jccf.org/100-women>

Annual Commitment Form

The Annual Commitment Form outlines your financial commitments and payment options.

- **Annual Commitment Form:** <https://www.jccf.org/100-women>

Online Payment Option

We now have a donation portal through JCCF, so you can make charge payments online. The portal is called "OneCause", and you will need to set up an account to use it for online payments. (OneCause does not charge a fee to set up an account, but we do collect a small fee to help cover the cost of the electronic transaction.)

- **One Cause Payment Portal:** Watch your email for the payment link each quarter.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who may join?

We welcome all women to join our philanthropic mission to improve our community through "no-strings-attached" grants to worthy nonprofits. (You do not need to live in Johnson County to be a Member of 100+ Women Who Care Johnson County and you do not need a formal invitation.)

2. Is membership limited to 100 women?

No, we do not limit membership. We began 100 Women Who Care Johnson County in 2016 with the hope of involving at least 100 women. Just one year later, we crossed the 100-member mark and became **100+** Women Who Care when we gave our first grant of more than \$10,000.

3. How long is my commitment?

When you join 100+ Women Who Care Johnson County, you are committing for a calendar year. We ask members to *recommit* before the first quarterly meeting each year.

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4. How do I join?

Simply fill out our Annual Commitment Form, pay your \$100 Annual Contribution to the 100 Women Who Care Fund and commit to making four \$100 donations to the nonprofit grantees our members choose at the quarterly meetings.

5. What happens if I join mid-year?

If you join mid-year, you still pay the \$100 Annual Contribution to the 100 Women Who Care Fund and agree to donate \$100 (online or by check) to each nonprofit grantee selected quarterly after you join.

6. How do you use the \$100 paid as my Annual Contribution?

In 2016, the 100+ Women Who Care Johnson County giving circle group established a fund with the Johnson County Community Foundation (JCCF). JCCF holds and manages that fund on our behalf. We may allocate all or part of those monies to support a 100+ Women Who Care initiative and/or fund significant projects for one or more Johnson County nonprofits, now or in the future.

7. What happens at the Meeting?

The Meeting serves as the platform for nominating and selecting each quarterly grantee. The doors open for Social Time at 4:45 p.m. Attendees check in at Registration. We welcome Guests with an Information Packet and give Members a Voting Ballot. We also accept Members' grant nominations for nonprofits serving Johnson County. Any Member wishing to nominate a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization submits a Nomination Form naming the nonprofit and a member Advocate who will address the group. Nominations close when we start the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

During the meeting, we draw three nominees at random. We give each named Advocate five minutes to explain what the organization does and three minutes to answer audience questions.

After the three presentations, we call for a Members-only vote, collect the ballots and carefully tally the results (including proxies) so we can announce our grant recipient during the meeting.

8. Are all nonprofit organizations eligible for a quarterly grant?

No. Your nominee must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides services to Johnson County. While the nominee need not be based in Johnson County, the organization must provide services to Johnson County and the Advocate should be prepared to explain the scope of those services.

9. How do I find out if the nonprofit I want to nominate meets the standards?

If you wish to nominate an organization, search the IRS website at <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/> to verify your nominee qualifies for an income tax charitable deduction and is a free-standing 501(c)(3) public nonprofit; not under an umbrella 501(c)(3). If you still have questions, email us at 100WomenJC@gmail.com.

10. How often may an organization receive a grant?

We want to benefit numerous organizations, so we renew a nonprofit's eligibility two years after receiving a grant.

11. May the Advocate use PowerPoint, videos and/or handouts to enhance her presentation?

No, advocates cannot use audio-visual presentation tools. We exclude A/V use and handouts to ensure a level playing field for all nominees, regardless of available resources, so we establish an equal opportunity to earn our vote. Advocates may, however, present a poster or photograph from the podium.

12. Who may be the Advocate?

Only an active Member may make a presentation and her name must appear on the Nomination Form prior to the start of the meeting. We do not allow Advocate substitutions after we draw the organization's name.

13. How do I nominate an organization without being the Advocate?

If you want to nominate a nonprofit, but don't want to be the Advocate, you must arrange for another Member to make the presentation and answer questions. You submit the Nomination Form with the name of the nonprofit organization and the name of the Member who agreed to serve as the Advocate.

14. What happens if I do not like the nonprofit organization chosen through the voting process?

When you sign your Annual Commitment Form, you promise to support the organization chosen by the membership even if you are not fond of the organization or its cause. Your commitment includes a requirement to make the \$100 grantee donation without respect to your personal feelings.

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15. What happens if I cannot attend a meeting?

If you cannot attend a meeting, you can designate another member to serve as your Proxy. Your Proxy can vote on your behalf and/or nominate on your behalf if you notify us about your plans and arrange your quarterly grant payment in advance of the meeting. That determines whether we give her a ballot and/or nomination form.

To verify your intentions, and expedite registration, you must submit your Proxy's name in advance via email to: 100WomenJC@gmail.com. In addition, you must pay your quarterly financial grant obligation prior to the meeting or send your signed blank check with your Proxy. (Note: If you don't send a Proxy, and pay your quarterly financial obligation in advance, you forfeit your vote to the member majority for that meeting.)

16. Will I receive a written acknowledgment of my quarterly donations?

Donations below the \$250 IRS threshold per tax year do not require written acknowledgment, so please plan to use your cancelled check or credit card statement as a bona fide record of your \$100 donation. If you prepay at the beginning of the year, you will receive written acknowledgement from JCCF because the amount exceeds the \$250 threshold. In addition, we encourage our grant recipients to thank you in writing if they have adequate resources.

17. When and how does the grantee receive my donation?

We work with the grantee to plan a Check Presentation at a location of their choice. At that time, we present the members' \$100 donation checks along with a JCCF check equal to all quarterly donations paid online via credit card and/or paid in advance.

18. What do you do with my name and contact information?

We only use your personal information for 100+ Women Who Care communications. Any Member with access to our contact list knows it is for official 100+ Women business only.

19. Will you give my contact information to the grant recipients?

No, we do not share your contact information with our grantees. They will only have the contact information on your check. (We specifically ask grant recipients to use the information only to acknowledge your contribution, but we cannot guarantee they will comply with our request.)

20. Who makes decisions about meeting plans, costs and organizational best practices?

Our volunteer Steering Committee meets regularly to review our mission and goals. They also make decisions regarding meeting plans and protocols to ensure our efforts are sustainable and our meetings efficient. When questions arise, or we need to revise plans, the Steering Committee researches and discusses options before making decisions. In addition, 100+ Women Who Care Johnson County lives under the umbrella of the Johnson County Community Foundation (JCCF), a 501(c)3 public charity that provides a process for securing and managing our funds, and administrative support as needed.

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