TOGETHER WOMEN RISE
Collective action for global gender equality

Together Women Rise Membership Policy

Definition of a Rise Member

An individual will be considered an active Rise member if they have made at least one donation of any amount in the previous calendar year.

Reporting of Member Numbers

Reporting of member numbers for external communications purposes (i.e. website, annual report, etc.) will be based on the above definition **as of the end of the prior calendar year**. (i.e. in 2026, we will report member numbers as of 12/31/2025.)

Chapter Participation

Individuals who have not made an annual donation to Rise are free to participate in chapter meetings and Rise learning and community building programs (unless membership is required). These individuals will be classified as non-members or guests on the chapter's roster and for membership reporting purposes.

Chapter Leader Requirements

Due to the nature of their role in inspiring others to donate to Rise, it is important that Rise chapter leaders and co-leaders leaders be members of the organization.

As of August 1, 2026, all **new** CLs and co-leaders will be **required** to be a member of Rise. A donation of any amount must be made before, or at the time, that their chapter is activated.

If the individual registered for a chapter prior to August 1st, but did not activate it until after August 1, the chapter leader and co-leader will be required to be members of Rise.

All individuals who became chapter leaders or co-leaders prior to August 1, 2026 will be grandfathered into this new requirement. They will be encouraged, but not required, to be an active member of Rise.

Exceptions to the Chapter Leader Requirement

Exceptions will be made for leaders and co-leaders of high school and college chapters. These individuals will not be required to donate, but their chapter will be required to hold an annual fundraiser with proceeds to Together Women Rise.

Volunteer Requirements

Volunteers who are not chapter leaders or co–leaders are **not required** to be active members of Rise with the exception of the following:

- Board members
- Non-board members who serve on the Resource Development Committee and Grants & Partnerships Committee
- Members of the Featured Grants Committee
- Members of the Transformation Partnerships Committee

All volunteers in these roles are required to be active members of Rise at the time their volunteer service begins.

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