

NAPAWF College Chapter Guidelines

General Objectives/Goals of NAPAWF college chapters:

1. To provide an educational forum to empower APA college women.
2. To identify campus specific and local community challenges facing APA women.
3. To address identified campus challenges facing APA women through programs, events, student organizing, and advocacy.
4. To build coalitions with other women, women of color and APA organizations on campus to address common concerns facing women, women of color and APA's on campus.
5. To promote an APA women's movement of progressive APA women and girls.

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(1) APPLICATION. APA women at college campuses who wish to start a NAPAWF chapter must complete the accompanying College Chapter Plan and submit it to the NAPAWF Program Coordinator for approval by the NAPAWF National Governing Board. Every year subsequent to the chapter's establishment chapter leadership will submit a one-year strategic plan for the upcoming academic year. All college chapters must organize and operate based on the progressive mission and vision of NAPAWF.

(2) ESTABLISHMENT. NAPAWF Campus Chapters can use an operating name on campus other than "NAPAWF," however, bylaws, publicity, and other identifying materials must identify that your organization is a NAPAWF chapter. For example, InSight at Yale if it chooses to become a chapter of NAPAWF must operate as "InSight: A Chapter of NAPAWF."

(3) MEMBERSHIP. Membership must be open and inclusive. Your chapter will provide an annual membership fee of \$150, which should be requested through your school's student organization budget. This will entitle your organization to:

- Subscription to NAPAWF newsletters and issue-specific fact sheets;
- Subscription to a members-only NAPAWF list-serve, action alerts, legislative news, and email updates;
- Discounts and scholarships for NAPAWF conferences, special events, and membership summits;
- Participation in NAPAWF events: mentoring programs, community outreach/education, and political organizing;
- Participation in NAPAWF special events: book readings, performance/art events, speaking events, and community briefings;
- Pride in knowing that you are a part of building a powerful progressive organization and a movement.

NAPAWF student membership of \$15 per year per student is also encouraged to support both chapter and national activities, but not required for participation in events. NOTE: Seventy percent (70%) of dues remain with the chapter, while thirty percent (30%) goes toward general support of NAPAWF (i.e., maintenance of the NAPAWF website, publicity and program materials provided to chapters, brochures, support of office staff, etc.). Accounting of dues is

coordinated by the national office staff. When a student pays her dues, she becomes a member of the college chapter and the national organization.

(4) FUNDRAISING. A college chapter may conduct fundraisers under NAPAWF's 501(c)3 status. This status allows members of the college community to make a tax-deductible donation. College chapters must review the corporate donor policy and be aware that corporate donors must go through a rigorous vetting process via the National Office before final approval. Like dues, funds raised are subject to the 70-30 split: seventy percent (70%) remains with the chapter, while thirty percent (30%) goes toward general support of NAPAWF.

(5) PLATFORM AREAS. Chapter leadership must review and be familiar with NAPAWF's six platform areas that form the basis of NAPAWF's work: (1) Civil Rights, (2) Economic Justice, (3) Educational Access, (4) Health & Reproductive Freedom, (5) Ending Violence Against Women, and (6) Immigrant & Refugee Rights

(6) PUBLICITY. All publicity material should contain the name of the college chapter, NAPAWF affiliation and NAPAWF logo. Publicity material should be mindful of any potential derogatory depictions, expressions or sayings that may be construed as racist, sexist, homophobic or in any manner offensive to special populations on campus or in the community.

(7) NONPARTISANSHIP. While NAPAWF is a progressive organization, its 501(c)3 status regulates that any political activities be nonpartisan in nature.

(8) COMMUNICATION. All NAPAWF chapters are encouraged to communicate frequently with each other to share best practices, research, organizing ideas, etc. If your college chapter is geographically near an already existing chapter, you are strongly encouraged to collectively organize programs and participate in each other's events. Once established, NAPAWF National will connect your chapter with other chapters—especially those geographically near you and other college chapters. You are encouraged to communicate frequently with other college chapters and can join various chapter leadership conference calls. This not, however, required.

(9) PROGRAMMING.

Suggested APA college women-specific issues for NAPAWF campus chapters to address are:

- ? Suicide ideation and mental health concerns (Asian American women, 15-24, have the highest rate of suicide in the U.S.)
- ? Body image/eating disorders
- ? Reproductive health and education
- ? Intimate partner abuse/domestic violence
- ? Sexual Assault
- ? Retention of APA women on campus
- ? Leadership development of progressive feminist APA campus leaders

Suggested activities for NAPAWF campus chapters:

(1) Community service:

- o WoMentoring program to develop sisterhood between advanced standing students and first and second year students.

- WoMentoring program to empower local APA youth.
- Community service projects located at local APA and/or women's organizations. For example, a NAPAWF college chapter could work with a local domestic violence shelter to address the needs of APA domestic violence survivors or at a local Asian American elderly home.

(2) Educational:

- Educational events to create awareness of APA feminist issues.
- Programs to address Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered issues.
- Ally (i.e. men and non-APAs) development program to provide opportunities for non-APAs and men to learn how to be supportive of APA feminist goals.

NOTE: Most campuses require registered student organizations to be open in membership, preventing organizations from being selective in its membership based on race and gender. In order to develop a safe space for APA women to address concerns, but to also allow a role for men and non-APAs in the campus organization, NAPAWF College Chapter plans must include Ally Development Programs (e.g., educational forums, anti-sexism/racism training workshops, etc.) for men and non-APA's to participate in the NAPAWF college chapter activities.

- Panels featuring feminist APA community leaders.

NOTE: NAPAWF highly encourages college chapter participation in the Fierce Sisters Campus Speakers Bureau. Through this fundraising effort, NAPAWF sisters visit campuses and speak to students about a range of APA feminist issues. All proceeds (honoraria) support NAPAWF. For more information, visit the NAPAWF website for more information on the Speakers Bureau.

(3) Social:

- Socials to create a safe space and community of sisterhood for APA women-a network for community action.

(4) Advocacy:

- Working to develop institutionalized supports for APA women - Advocacy on campus with Student Affairs units such as the Women's Center, Multicultural Student Programs, Counseling Center, Leadership Programs, Student Housing, Career Center, etc. to ensure that the college/university is acknowledging the unique challenges faced by APA women, outreaching to APA women, and addressing APA women's issues.
- Advocacy for Asian American Studies and Women and Gender Studies classes, academic minors and majors.
- Co-sponsored events and programs with other local NAPAWF chapters.
- Co-sponsored programs promoting the values of NAPAWF with other campus organizations and departments.