

NJAWBO QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

NJAWBO offers Active, Associate, Emerging Business, and Retired/Full-Time Student memberships to individuals. Membership shall be held as follows:

1. ACTIVE – (VOTING) – A woman who (1) holds ownership interest in a for-profit or not-for-profit business, (2) maintains a place of business for the Business, and (3) substantially manages or works in the Business. The ownership interest shall be either a sole proprietorship; a general partner in a partnership; a shareholder in a corporation who has the authority as a director and/or officer of the corporation, or a member in a limited liability company with authority to make decisions and who is actively involved in the overall or the day-to-day management of the business, commissioned agents or brokers representing a parent company but which company does not control the means and methods by which they operate.

2. ASSOCIATE (NON-VOTING) – Individuals (women and men) who support the objectives of the Corporation but do not meet the criteria for a voting class member.

3. EMERGING BUSINESS CLASS A – (NON-VOTING) – A Woman who is in the process of starting or has just started her own business. She will have left another employment situation within the past 12 months and shows interest in beginning her own business for the first time; or will be re-entering the workplace as an entrepreneur after a period of non-employment. Such a woman may not, at the time of her application for membership in this class, be receiving wages from another employer. This person may join in good faith at the reduced Emerging Business Class A rate for **only one year**. Her membership status will automatically change from Emerging Business Class A to Active upon the renewal of her membership.

4. EMERGING BUSINESS CLASS B – (NON-VOTING) – A Woman who is considering a move from employee to self-employed person. Dues are at the Active Class Member rate, but there are no voting privileges. Her membership status will automatically change from Emerging Business Class B to the appropriate classification upon the renewal of her membership

5. FULL-TIME STUDENT (NON-VOTING) – A Woman who subscribes to the objective of the Corporation and is not presently Business owner, but (1) is currently attending a post secondary educational institution on an undergraduate, full time basis or on a post-graduate basis and has presented to the Membership Committee evidence of a validated registration form from that institution proving full time status.