



Outline of NPO/NGO Membership Category

For Empowering Women (FEW) Japan announced the introduction on a new NPO/NGO membership category on April 1, 2014.

FEW has long positioned community service as a pillar of the organization and has a desire to strengthen this pillar even further going forward, and has therefore introduced the new membership category to solidify this commitment and enable more NPOs/NGOs and other accredited charitable organizations to access and participate in the FEW community, an opportunity that many such organizations have not been able to fully take advantage of up until now.

Introduction of this new membership category seeks to recognize the hard, difficult and critical work that charitable organisations undertake and to increase awareness of their activities among FEW members.

Benefits of the New Membership Category for FEW

- Making FEW more accessible to NPOs/NGOs will increase their participation in FEW monthly meetings and special events, thereby widening our network and educating our membership about issues and opportunities that would otherwise be unknown.
- Will contribute to creating a better awareness of the community service-related resources within the FEW community, specifically among those members who wish to volunteer their time or donate money
- Helps to build a solid network of charitable organizations from which FEW can select future Community Service Strategic Partners (CSSPs) and provides a means through which to keep outgoing CSSPs involved in the FEW community rather than severing established relationships and redeveloping ties with former CSSPs
- The inclusion of a greater number of NPOs/NGOs will only enrich FEW and help to truly realize FEW's mission of empowering women

Benefits of the New Membership Category for Member NPOs/NGOs

- Increased awareness among FEW members of the work NPOs/NGOs and other charitable organizations are carrying out with the aim to develop further interest and support for their activities
- Provides a place where NPOs/NGOs can meet individuals that might help them meet their needs in addition to providing resources and opportunities to continue networking in communities — FEW, BCCJ and other affiliates, Sponsorship Opportunities — they may not have had access to before.
- Provides a means for former CSSPs to stay involved in FEW even after their official relationship has ended

Membership application requirements

Any NGO/NPO or other accredited charitable organisation with an outlook that fits the objectives and mission of FEW and the interests of the membership shall be eligible to apply for NPO/NGO membership, with "any female staff member who works full-time for the accredited NPO/NGO or charitable organization, receives payment from the accredited NPO/NGO or whose income is largely dependent on their work with the accredited charitable organization" serving as representative." A valid business card must be provided to verify that the female representative is a member of the organization.

Application may be submitted by completing the our [online registration form](#) or by completing an application for at any monthly meeting or special event.

Please note that FEW reserves the right to reject application of any organization it believes is not a good fit or deems may not be in the interests of the FEW members.

Membership dues and meeting fees

NGO/NPO members shall be liable to pay FEW membership dues and meetings fees.

-Membership due: One Year: JPY9000

-Monthly meeting fee: JPY 2,000 (changed from JPY 3,000, effective September 1, 2015)

Membership rights

NPO/NGO members shall be granted the following rights:

- a. Vote on all matters brought before the FEW membership
- b. Participate on committees
- c. Bring matters of business before a Board meeting
- d. Attend Board meetings

Membership benefits

The nominated female representative of the member NPO/NGO will be eligible for the same benefits as other membership types, including attending FEW monthly meetings at the above-mentioned fee of JPY2,000 and special events at specified members rate.

In case the nominated female representative is unable to attend a monthly meeting or special event, another full-time female representative of the organization may attend in place of the appointed member. In the case where more than one member of the member organization wishes to attend a meeting or event, only one may attend at members rate, with additional people paying the guest rate. This is so as not to undermine the official agreement FEW has with its Strategic Partners including CSSPs.

Please also note that NPO/NGO members will not be able to gain financially from FEW events and fund-raising as is the case with the nominated NPOs and NGOs with which FEW enters into CSSP agreements with each year.

If you have any questions about the NPO/NGO membership category, please do not hesitate to contact our Membership Director on membership@fewjapan.com