



RHODE ISLAND
**COALITION OF
BLACK WOMEN**

VISION. VOICE. ACTION.

Rhode Island Coalition of Black Women, Inc. (RICBW)

RICBW is a non-profit organization that enables African-American women to help address the diverse needs of their community through organizing programs, establishing networks, and developing leadership talent. The organization was founded on September 22, 2001 and was a chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women. In 2017, in order to focus more on advocacy for local issues affecting Rhode Island Black women and establish a local brand, the chapter left the National organization and changed its name to **Rhode Island Coalition of Black Women, Inc.**

Our mission is to cultivate, enrich, and empower Black women as advocates for the viability, equality, and equity of the Black community in the areas of employment, education, health, and economic development.

Membership Eligibility – Any woman may join RICBW as long as the applicant agrees to act in accordance with and support the mission and purposes of RICBW and the applicant has been recommended by a current RICBW member in good standing.

For additional membership information and/or questions, please contact Maria Monteiro, Secretary at email: ricbwinfo@gmail.com.

We look forward to your participation and enthusiasm!

RICBW
P.O. Box 27739
Providence, RI 02907

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Member Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number _____

Email address: _____ Date of Birth(optional) _____

Occupation: _____

Place of
Employment: _____

Business
Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Business email: _____

Please tell us why you want to join RICBW and what areas of focus within the organization interest you most.

Please list other community organizations you are involved with here in Rhode Island

RICBW MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The membership annual fee for RICBW will be \$ 50.00 and assessed each October 1st. RICBW's fiscal year is October 1 - September 30. New members, who join the chapter during the year, will have their Annual Membership Fee pro-rated as of the date the new member application is approved by RICBW Board of Directors.

Please mail a check payable to "RICBW", P.O. Box 27739, Providence, RI 02907

Membership Requirements:

Must attend at least (3) general membership meetings as well as the Annual Meeting
Actively participate as member of at least (1) chapter committee or regularly in a RICBW program/project
Support chapter fundraising events by purchasing and/or selling at least (1) ticket per event

In order to fulfill the commitment to serve on at least (1) RICBW committee or program, please select from the following RICBW Committees/Programs (more than one committee may be selected, if desired)

RICBW Committees are as follows:

- () Membership; () Finance;
- () Communications; () LEAD Education /Mentoring Program;
- () Other areas of interest (i.e. fundraising, political action, etc.)

Current Member Recommendation

I (current member name; please print): _____

hereby recommend that (name of new applicant) _____ be approved as a new member of the RICBW. I believe the applicant would be a positive addition to our organization, and that she will be involved and committed to supporting the goals and mission of RICBW

Current Member

Signature: _____ Date: _____

New Member Commitment

As a member of the Rhode Island Coalition of Black Women, Inc. I agree to:

- Act in accordance with the goals and mission of the RICBW
- Pay all membership fees/dues in a timely manner;
- Attend meetings as set forth in the RICBW by-laws
- Participate on at least one (1) chapter committee or RICBW program
- Support chapter events and fundraisers

New Member

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Internal use only – Approved by RICBW Board

Date: _____

Signed: _____ **Title:** _____