

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFORMATION



In February 2025, the national League of Women Voters is transitioning to a new membership structure to get more people around the country involved in empowering voters and defending democracy.

This guide will help you understand what these changes mean for you — and what we'll need you to do. For most members for now, you'll just get an email asking you to update your member profile.



You'll still be a LWV of Napa County (LWVNapa) member. While membership dues, types, and tax deductibility are changing, benefits mostly remain the same. Check out the summary of changes below.



If you move, your membership can follow you wherever you go. While Napa County will be sad to say goodbye, you can switch your membership to another local League.



There may be bumps along the way. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we go through this national membership transformation.



Questions or problems? If something comes up, we're here to help! Contact LWVNapa's Membership Committee (lwvnapa@gmail.com).

[Renew Today and follow this link.](#)

Summary of changes

- Members will get an email in February about how to update their member profile.
- If you renew in January or early February 2025, or joined at a special higher membership level, you'll hear from LWV Napa County's Membership Committee.
- Your member benefits remain mostly the same.
- Everyone's member dues are changing. Individual member dues are now \$75 a year, with a pay-what-you-can option. If you've been a household, student, or special member giving higher dues, your membership type and dues will be different.
- When it's time to renew your annual membership, you'll do that somewhere new.
- The tax deductibility of membership dues have changed.
- Donations to LWV Napa County, which remain fully tax deductible, need to be made separately from your League membership dues.

Update your member profile

In February 2025, every LWV Napa County member will get an email with instructions to log in to **ChapterSpot**, the new membership platform. **Watch for this email!**

The email will ask you to "claim your membership." This just means you'll create your ChapterSpot login and review your member profile. You'll also be asked to take a short survey. This information helps us provide you with the best member experience.

Even if your renewal isn't due soon, it's important you make sure your information is correct. You won't change your membership type or dues until it's time to renew.

Can't access the internet or don't want to use ChapterSpot? To update your information so your years of membership are accurately recorded, contact LWV Napa County's Membership Committee at lwnapa@gmail.com.

Questions about what happens with your information? Learn about your [data privacy](#).

Member benefits

Your LWV Napa County member benefits remain mostly the same. You'll still have many opportunities to support, vote, and lead!

Membership dues [tax deductibility](#) has changed. Donation deductibility remains the same.

Leagues are deciding how to support LWV of the Bay Area. We'll share news when available.

Membership types and dues



Want to give more? We appreciate you! For 100% of your gift above \$75 to go to LWV Napa County, do not choose higher dues. Instead, make a separate donation to LWV Napa County either in the ChapterSpot "Contribution" step, online at lwvnapa.com/donate, or by check with the form at lwvnapa.com/check.

You don't need to change your membership type or dues until it's time to renew. Beginning in February 2025, the League's annual membership types and dues are:

Individual member — *\$75 recommended or pay what you can (\$20 minimum)*

Dues are per year. You can add a second member (\$150 total for both recommended, \$40 for both minimum), but they need a unique email address. 20% of dues supports LWV Napa County, with the rest split by the state and national Leagues.

Life member

In appreciation of their dedication to democracy, a person who has been a member for 50 years or more is a Life member. Their dues are waived.

League membership dues only [partly go to LWV Napa County](#) and are partially tax deductible. If you'd like to donate to support our voter education and advocacy in Napa County, be sure to give that as a separate fully tax-deductible donation to LWV Napa County at lwvnapa.com/donate.

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Keep things simple by automatically renewing each year! That way, your League membership will never be interrupted. Just select auto renewal in ChapterSpot.

These membership types are no longer available:

- **Household:** Instead, join for yourself and a second member for \$150 (recommended for both) or pay-what-you-can (\$40 minimum for both). If more than two people in your household want to be members, the others need to join separately.
- **Student:** Instead, join as an individual member and pay what you can (\$20 minimum).

Membership dues split



Make your donation separate from dues! If you want to donate to support LWV of Napa County, please make a donation to LWV Napa County separate from your League membership dues. Donate today at lwnapa.com/donate.

Old structure: LWV Napa County sent a fixed amount per member to the national, state, and Bay Area Leagues. People became members of those three other organizations as well. The remaining dues stayed with LWV Napa County. Dues were fully tax deductible. Individual member dues were \$75 a year, with special, household, student, and pay-what-you-can options.

New structure: Each League member's dues are split between the national and state Leagues, and, optionally, a local League selected by the member. People become members of all those organizations. Dues are partially tax deductible. Individual member dues are \$75 a year (recommended), with a pay-what-you-can option (\$20 minimum).

Old versus new dues split for individual members

	Old structure	New structure
Individual member dues (<i>recommended</i>)	\$75.00	\$75.00
LWV of Napa County portion	\$12.00	\$15.00 (20%)
LWV of California portion	\$28.00	\$35.25 (47%)
LWV of the U.S. portion	\$32.00	\$24.75 (33%)
LWV of the Bay Area portion	\$3.00	none (0%)

Amounts do not reflect processing fees, such as those charged for ACH and credit card transactions.



When paying online, your membership dues will show up as three transactions — one each to Napa County, California, and the national Leagues. You'll be a member of all three!

When it's time to renew

Renewal reminders

You'll get emails before your membership expiration date reminding you to renew through ChapterSpot. You'll also be able to find a link to renew at lwvnapa.com/membership.

Members scheduled to renew in January or early February 2025 will receive special emails from LWV Napa County's Membership Committee about how to renew during the transition.

Remember, if you want to support our Napa County work, please make a donation to LWV Napa County separate from your membership dues. Visit lwvnapa.com/donate.

Auto renewals

Keep things simple by auto renewing! It's a great option so your League membership is never interrupted. Just select auto renewal in ChapterSpot. You can choose to auto renew your annual membership or donation to LWV Napa County — or both.

To donate monthly, you need to use a credit card or PayPal, not ChapterSpot. You can also use a credit card or PayPal for annual donations to LWV Napa County. Donate today at lwvnapa.com/donate.

Payment methods

Online

ChapterSpot — *membership dues and annual donations*

- Credit card (American Express is not accepted)
- Debit card



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Check

While we prefer online payments, checks for dues or donations are welcome.

Beginning February 2025, membership dues and donations must be paid with separate checks.

- **Membership dues checks:** make out to **LWVUS**
- **Donation checks:** make out to **LWV Napa County**

Fill out the form at lwnapa.com/check and mail with your checks to: **LWV Napa County, PO Box 10560, Napa CA 94581.**

Tax deductibility

League membership dues and LWV Napa County donations have different tax deductibility. Whether you can deduct a charitable contribution depends on your personal tax situation. Consult a tax expert or the IRS. You'll receive a tax receipt with details about tax deductibility.

League membership dues tax deductibility

Your membership dues are split by three Leagues with different tax designations. Part, but not all, of your League membership dues may be tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

Tax deductibility of the three membership dues portions

	Organization type	Dues portion deductible as a charitable contribution?
LWV of Napa County	501(c)(3)	Yes!
LWV of California	501(c)(4)	No
LWV of the U.S.	501(c)(4)	No

LWV Napa County donation tax deductibility

Donations made directly to LWV Napa County are fully tax deductible as a charitable contribution. LWV Napa County is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Your generous gift to LWV Napa County supports our important voter education and advocacy work in Napa County. Donate at lwvnapa.com/donate.

Privacy

This is not a privacy policy. It is information related to the League's national membership transformation. Please review the privacy policies of [LWV of Napa County](#), [LWV of the Bay Area](#), [LWV of California](#), and [LWV of the U.S.](#) These policies may be modified during the membership transformation.

ChapterSpot

The national League's contract with ChapterSpot affirms that all data is owned and exclusively safeguarded for League purposes only. ChapterSpot is not authorized to use your information for anything other than fulfilling its service to the League. For more information see [LWV of the U.S.'s ChapterSpot Data Use FAQ](#).

Member contact information in ChapterSpot is shared by multiple Leagues. Please review each League's privacy policy, which may be modified during the membership transformation.

Member demographic information in ChapterSpot is only shared in aggregate when it can reasonably be kept anonymous. An individual's demographics are not shared with local Leagues.

Payment information in ChapterSpot is stored by Stripe, a trusted payment processor. Your payment information is not visible to anyone at the League. See [Stripe's privacy policy](#).

PayPal

Donor contact information and payment details entered in PayPal fall under [PayPal's privacy policy](#).