



## What is a YWCA Membership?

A YWCA Membership Connects You With a Movement. YWCAs around the world are built and shaped by membership, a principle and tradition which YWCA St. John's values and upholds. Our memberships are philosophical. By becoming a member, you:

- Make a statement: the needs of women and girls are important, and gender justice and equity must be fundamental goals for our community
- Are supporting the existence of a YWCA in your community, as well as the existence of [YWCA Canada](http://ywcacanada.ca) (ywcacanada.ca) and the [World YWCA](http://worldywca.org) (worldywca.org): your membership supports and champions the YWCA movement around the globe
- Are invited to participate in membership meetings (including Annual General Meeting), where business is settled and our Board of Directors is elected (note that only voting members, as defined below, are eligible to vote)
- Are informed via email of programs, events, and news regarding your local YWCA

Individuals are not required to be members to access YW programs and services. Membership is, however, required to vote at our Annual General Meeting, where business matters are settled and the Board of Directors is elected. We do welcome youth (boys and girls) and men as members, though they do not vote at the Annual General Meeting. Categories of membership are as follows:

- **Voting Member:** Any person female-identified and 16 years of age or over (eligible to vote thirty days after becoming a member), who supports the Vision and Mission of YWCA St. John's (see below)
- **Supporting Member:** Any person who supports the Vision and Mission of YWCA St. John's (see below), and is not eligible to be a Voting Member (as described above; note that this is a non-voting membership)
- **Organizational Member:** Any organization which supports the Vision and Mission of YWCA St. John's (see below; note that this is a non-voting membership)

**YWCA St. John's Vision:** A community where all girls and women are safe, supported and empowered.

### **YWCA St. John's Mission:**

- To educate the community about particular issues affecting girls and women.
- To create opportunities for girls and women to learn, achieve and participate.
- To ensure our work is grounded in the real life issues affecting girls and women.
- To advance social change through public engagement, and use our voice to call for social justice.

## MEMBERSHIP FORM



(Note: membership is renewable annually; membership terms run January 1 – December 31)

The membership rate is \$20, for all categories of membership. If the cost of membership is prohibitive for you, please contact us to discuss a discounted or subsidized membership. There are two ways to join YWCA as a member: either fill out the form on the reverse and send it via mail with payment, or join online at this link: [www.ywcastjohns.com/membership/](http://www.ywcastjohns.com/membership/)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please check this box to give us permission to keep you informed about via email about current programs, events, and news regarding your local YWCA.

**1. Which membership category best suits you?**

- Voting Member: Anyone female-identified and 16 years of age or over (note that you will be eligible to vote thirty days after becoming a member)
- Supporting Member: Anyone who is not eligible to be a Voting Member (as described above; note that this is a non-voting membership)
- Organizational Member: Any organization which supports the vision and mission of YWCA St. John's (note that this is a non-voting membership)

**2. Please indicate how you wish to pay your fee (if applicable):**

- Cash (\$20 payment enclosed)
- Cheque (\$20 cheque enclosed, made out to YWCA St. John's)
- Credit card (online at <http://www.ywcastjohns.com/membership/>)
- I would like someone to contact me to discuss a subsidized membership
- Please invoice me \$20

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

<i>Office Use Only</i>			
Invoice Required	Y / N	Receipt Required	Y / N
Membership Fee Received	\$ _____	Membership Receipt Issued	_____ (date)
Added to Membership Database	_____ (date)	Added to Email Contact List	_____ (date)