



Quick Guide to Member Recruitment

Why Invite Others to Join?

Inviting women to join Impact Grants Chicago isn't just about numbers—it's about expanding our impact. Every new member helps us fund more high-impact grants that address urgent needs in our community. Together, we can make a huge difference!

3 Easy Steps to Recruit New Members

1. Make a list of Prospective Members

- Consider inviting: Friends, family, colleagues, neighbors, members of other groups you're involved with (book groups, alumni clubs, places of worship, etc.), and organizations that might sponsor memberships for their employees.
- Tip: Think of women passionate about philanthropy and community impact.

2. Decide How to Reach Out

- How: Pick what works best—phone call, text, email, coffee, etc.
- What to say: Share why you joined, explain our mission, and ask them to be part of it. Make it personal and highlight the impact they can have.
- Use this Member Recruitment Toolkit to help in your outreach. Consider using one of these [Sample Emails](#) as a template. Use the [FAQs](#) to get quick answers to common questions.

3. Ask Them to Join

- Invite them to join as a member of Impact Grants Chicago for 2025/26 cycle. Together, we can pool our contributions to fund high-impact grants and drive meaningful change in our community.
- Mention the deadline—if they join by 12/31, they will become a 2025 member and participate in the 2025 grant cycle.

Bonus: Invite Them to a Meet and Greet

- **Why**: It's a great way to meet current members and get a feel for our work and the community.
- **When and Where**: [\[REGISTER HERE\]](#)

Member Recruitment Toolkit Contents: Quick and Easy Resources

- [Sample Emails](#): Templates for inviting new members
- [Sample Text Messages](#): Quick messages to help spread the word
- [Sample Social Media Posts](#): Shareable posts for your platforms
- [FAQs](#): Quick answer to common questions
- [Meet our Grantees](#): Recent and past Impact Grant and Merit Grant recipients
- [2024/25 Impact Report](#): All about our process, people and results of the past year

Questions?

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