

FREEDOM FOR RESILIENT WOMEN MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

SAPPHIRE MEMBERSHIP



The Sapphire Membership is created for single mothers that are considering going back to school, current single mother students, and single mother graduates that are navigating new professions and careers.

FRW Financial Aid

Sapphire members are eligible to apply for financial aid and Resilience Awards. Financial aid provides single mother students assistance with their internet, utilities, rent, and childcare, so that can remain in school.

FRW Resilience Awards

Sapphire members are also eligible to apply for Resilience Awards. These awards are given in the form of student loan repayments made directly to the loan servicer. Resilience Awards are provided to specially selected Sapphire members who 1) have completed their education, 2) continue to have outstanding student debt, 3) are employed in professions or careers directly related to their completed educational program, and 4) demonstrate that they are exemplary members of their communities through serving and strengthening others.

Community Forum

All Sapphire members are encouraged to participate in our FRW online community forum where they will find support and encouragement from the entire FRW community. Here, Sapphire, Emerald, and Diamond members come together to problem solve, offer encouragement, share laughs, and build friendships. The intense focus required by the “school years” often require single mother students to avoid other social media platforms. Single mother students using typical social media platforms risk becoming distracted and discouraged by politically charged posts and controversy. Depression and anxiety disorders, common among single mother students, can easily be triggered by controversial posts on these platforms.

In contrast, the FRW Community Forum provides a safe space, free of political discourse and controversy, that provides a way for single mother students and graduates to connect socially while remaining focused on their goals. Here, Sapphire members connect with each other to

share experiences, information, frustrations, and successes. Emerald and Diamond members also participate in the forum to offer advice, encouragement, and support. FRW moderators ensure that discussions remain uplifting, positive, and focused on the success of our Sapphire members.

FRW Resource Database

It can be difficult to find nonprofits that offer assistance to single mothers and it becomes even more challenging to narrow your search to those organizations that provide the specific type of help needed. Conducting research can be time intensive and frustrating for women who need immediate help or relief.

Sapphire members have access to FRW's national database of nonprofit and government organizations that offer helpful services for single mothers and their children. This database is searchable by location, type of assistance, and more, so that members can quickly find the help they need.

FRW Live Webinars and Pre-Recorded Lectures

Some of the talented professionals among our Emerald and Diamond level members donate their time and knowledge to FRW by creating pre-recorded lectures on topics relevant to single mother students and single mother graduates. College advisors, professors, life coaches, counselors, and many others share valuable advice on the topics Sapphire members care about. Our pre-recorded library is constantly growing and subjects include:

- Considerations for Returning to School
- Successful Note-Taking for College Courses
- Survival as a Non-Traditional Student
- Overcoming Self-Doubt
- Setting Goals You Can Achieve
- Student Loans v. Private Loans
- How to Save for Retirement
- Negotiating a Raise at Work

Sapphire members also have opportunities to attend live webinars to ask questions and collaborate with experts.

Mentoring

Many of our Emerald and Diamond members generously make themselves available online as mentors. Sapphire members can send private messages to Emerald and Diamond level mentors through the FRW platform to ask questions about school, careers, life/work balance, and more. Volunteer mentors do not provide ongoing support to specific Sapphire members, however, their willingness to generally share their knowledge and experience is greatly appreciated.