



Dear Potential Suffrage100MA Partner,

[Suffrage100MA](#) is pleased to invite non-profit, non-partisan organizations to submit an [application](#) to become a Suffrage100MA Partner, for which there is no fee.

Suffrage100MA Background:

Suffrage100MA is dedicated to commemorating the upcoming 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment, which prohibits the federal and state governments from denying citizens the right to vote on the basis of sex. It took a 72-year struggle, by thousands of suffragists, to achieve adoption of the 19th Amendment in August of 1920.

A main goal of Suffrage100MA is to commemorate and tell the story of the remarkable achievement of the suffragists, including the tireless work and essential contributions of women of color, who were often excluded by white women's suffrage organizations, and whose role in the suffrage movement has been largely overlooked.

The adoption of the 19th Amendment was an enormous step forward, but it did not guarantee voting rights for all women – particularly African American women in the south. Since then, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and other legislation have done much to help ensure voting rights for people of color. Unfortunately, however, there has been a concerted effort over the past 30 years to once again restrict voting rights and voter access in many states. The right to vote is a fundamental right that cannot be taken for granted and must be protected for all citizens. This centennial is an opportunity to learn about the voting rights history and issues faced by numerous minorities in the United States. It is also an opportunity to remind us all to appreciate, value, and exercise our right to vote!

Suffrage100MA Partner Information:

Suffrage100MA provides information and materials to Suffrage100MA Partners and encourages them to present and/or incorporate into their programming: suffrage centennial events, educational activities, exhibits, etc. that will commemorate the centennial. With expanded knowledge of the struggle for the vote, Suffrage100MA hopes that the result will be increased voter registration *and* participation.

Benefits to becoming a Suffrage100MA Partner – Suffrage100MA will:

- Publicize your suffrage zoom and socially distanced live events and activities on our online calendar;
- Live-link your website or Facebook page on the Suffrage100MA website;
- Share suffrage centennial resources;
- Encourage a representative (or two!) of your organization to participate in our monthly Suffrage100MA Partner zoom meetings;
- Encourage your participation in our Voting Initiative by participating in our work with the Safe Elections Network.

In return, Suffrage100MA requires no funds (although if you are able, donations are greatly appreciated). Please follow *suffrage100ma* on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)!

[Suffrage100MA currently has nearly 200 Partners!](#) *We would be honored if your organization were to become a Suffrage100MA Partner. We hope you will fill out the [Partner Agreement Form](#)! By combining our voices in partnership, we send a strong message that this centennial is monumental.*

As the Suffragists used to say: Onward!

On behalf of the Suffrage100MA Board of Directors -
With very best wishes,

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