BPW/WA Legislative Platform

Preamble
The Equal Rights Amendment, as authored by Alice Paul, shall stand first, foremost and above all other items which may appear on the platform of this Federation until equal legal rights for women and men become guaranteed in the United States Constitution, because all statutory law derives there from.

The Equal Rights Amendment
“Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on the account of sex.”

Platform
Economic Equity
Support pay equity, equal educational and economic opportunities at all stages of life; and promote affordable, quality dependent care to help support economic self-sufficiency for women and their dependents.

Health
Support full access to all women’s health services and education, including reproductive choice*; support funds for research into and protections for women's health care needs; and support the national health care policy sections specifically recognizing the special health care needs of women.

Civil Rights
Support equal rights and remedies for women in all phases of their lives; support affirmative action; eliminate sexual harassment and violence against women.

* Addendum: Clarification clause on the words “including reproductive choice” is explained constitutionally, per the Equal Rights Amendment, as a legal right for a women and a man to jointly decide on having a pregnancy, birth, or birth control.

BPW/WA Mission Statement

“To promote the equality and economic self-sufficiency of America’s working women through participation, education and advocacy.”

For more information, email the WA State Young Careerist Chair at YC@bpwwa.org

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Washington State Business and Professional Women

2020 BPW Young Careerist Program

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2018-2019 BPW/WA Young Careerist
Empowering Individuals Professionally, Personally and Politically

The Virginia Allen Young Careerist (YC) Program is a premium leadership training and personal development platform designed to equip young professionals with business skills for life.

The Young Careerist Program was founded in 1964 to recognize the accomplishments of young women and men as they endeavor to better themselves and others professionally, personally, and politically.

BPW/WA State Conference will host the Young Careerist competition featuring YC Representatives from the BPW Local organizations to be held at the State Conference in May.

To be eligible, a young person must:

- be between the ages of 21 and 35, inclusive, by July 31st following the first competition in which she/he participates;
- be or have been employed in business or the professions with at least one (1) year of full-time work experience;
- sign the BPW/USA Legislative Platform agreement. A YC Representative must review the BPW/USA Legislative Platform and pledge that she/he will not speak against platform items in her/his capacity as a YC Representative, if selected (included in this brochure for your convenience);
- be a member of and sponsored by a BPW local organization to compete at the State level.

This year’s speech topic will be chosen from the five listed below:

1. What female, past or present, has had the most influence on how women live, work or play in today’s society?

2. What one thing, besides a woman’s right to vote, has been the greatest advancement for women in the last 100 years?

3. What will be the next challenge for women in the coming 100 years?

4. Name a female leader, local, national or global, that is making a difference and why?

5. How do you believe working women impact today’s economy?