About Emerge

Emerge is changing the face of politics by recruiting, training, and providing a powerful network for Democratic women to run for office and win. Since 2005, over 4,000 women in 45 states and territories have been trained to run.

Our Vision

With affiliates in 27 states, Emerge has big goals and a clear vision for the next 15 years. We will:

- Expand our reach and ready 100,000 New American Majority (NAM) women - BIPOC women, LGBTQ+ women, young women, and unmarried women - through training and a powerful network.
- Lift as we climb and elevate Emerge women to appointed and elected seats as our alums ascend to higher office.
- Repower political structures and redefine “politics as usual” by flipping state legislatures and campaigns and office leadership into majority-woman and filling appointed boards and commissions with Emerge alumnae.

The Emerge Vermont Difference

- An in-depth, 70-hour Signature Training for women considering or actively running for office
- An intensive Candidate Boot Camp on the critical elements of campaigning.
- Exclusive focus on training Democratic women.
- Vermont-based expertise tailored for selectboard, school board, and statewide races.
- A strong commitment to diversity and inclusion.
- A cohort-based program that builds a powerful, ongoing network of support.

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Empowering Democratic women to run — and win

EMERGE VERMONT

Since 1741, Vermont has had 4 female Speakers of the House, 1 female Senate Pro Tem, 4 female Lieutenant Governors, 1 female Governor, and has sent 0 women to Congress.

Emerge Vermont is changing that. In 2020, Emerge Vermont alumnae were elected to 24 statewide offices, including the top 3 leadership positions in the Legislature.

Lieutenant Governor
Molly Gray

Senator Becca Balint
Windham District

Speaker of the House
Rep. Jill Krowinski
Chittenden-6-3

State & Local Success

- 44 Emerge Vermont alums currently in public office
- 24 elected to statewide office
- 19 elected to local office
- 148 alumnae
- 38.5% of all alumnae have been elected or appointed to public office.

Breaking Ground

- Vermont is among the top 10 states with the most female legislators (42.2%).
- 30% of Vermont state senators and 44% of representatives are women.
- 10 of the 24 Emerge Vermont alums currently serving in statewide office were first-time candidates.
Donor Circles Benefits

- Recognition as a member of your Donor Circle on our website and in our Annual Report
- Invitations to exclusive donor events
- Opportunities to meet Emerge Vermont program members and alumnae
- Exclusive updates from the Executive Director, advance notice of events and trainings, Emerge Vermont news, and alumnae stories

Sustainers Circle

- Sustainers Circle members provide steady, meaningful financial support that impacts our mission every day and help create an accessible giving community that allows supporters at every level to make lasting change as they support our work.
- Emerge Vermont supporters who make a recurring monthly contribution of any amount automatically become members of the Sustainers Circle.
- Benefits also include free admission to our Signature Training Kickoff event.

Leadership Circle

- Leadership Circle members provide ongoing financial support of our trainings, events, and partnerships and strengthen our ability to recruit and mentor our future leaders.
- $1,000 contribution or more annually, one-time or recurring
- Benefits also include recognition as a Host Committee Member for Emerge Vermont’s Annual Event and a complimentary pair of tickets to our Annual Graduation Reception.

Sponsors Circle

- The Sponsors Circle recognizes individuals, foundations, and businesses committed to our mission of empowering Democratic women to run and win elected office.
- $2,500 contribution or more annually, one-time or recurring
- Benefits also include recognition as a Sponsors Circle member for all Emerge Vermont events during the year and complimentary pairs of tickets to our Annual Graduation Reception and Annual Event.

Men for Emerge Vermont

- Men for Emerge Vermont is a core group of supporters who are advocates and allies of the Emerge Vermont movement, playing an important role in highlighting the impact of our work, advocating for our mission, and recruiting and mentoring the next generation of leaders.
- $250 contribution or more annually, one-time or recurring
- Benefits also include recognition as a Host Committee Member for Men for Emerge Vermont events and a complimentary pair of tickets to our Annual Graduation Reception.
- Men for Emerge Vermont members who give $1,000 or more each year also qualify for membership in the Emerge Vermont Leadership Circle.