

Looking to become involved in the Rockford Area? Want to meet other young professionals? Looking for a job?
Join any of the region's three young professionals' resources ... live, work and play in Rockford!



	IGNITE	NEXT ROCKFORD	ROCKFORD AREA CAREER CLEARINGHOUSE
Mission	To attract and retain talent to the Rockford Region while establishing the next generation of leadership through professional development, social engagement and leadership opportunities.	Engaging Rockford's next generation of leadership in advocating for improvements in education, the business environment, urban development and other issues important to our membership.	Connecting regional employers with recent college graduates for their first professional employment position and engaging current college students in the community through internship opportunities.
Social & Professional Development/Education	Monthly social events, educational seminars and professional development outlets. Special events as scheduled.	Monthly membership meetings and committees meetings as needed.	Website calendar with information to several Job Fairs, Internship Fairs and Career Expos.
Job Search/Placement	Via Networking, job sharing and posting to online media, active relationship with corporate partners to build internship programs and help job seekers through RACC.	Via networking, active relationships with corporate leaders, and a formal HR Team that manages a Business Recruitment Assistance Program for prospective and newly hired professionals.	Search and apply for internships & entry-level jobs. Begin by registering and then posting your resume for employers to view.
Other Benefits	Discounted membership price for events and services, free admission to members-only events, membership card discount program, access to online services & newsletters, access to community & business leaders.	Access to several community/economic development groups, monthly newsletter, networking.	Access to several local area internships and experiences, links to career services departments at several local colleges.
Membership Guidelines	For those in their 20s to 40s from various professions. Must live, work or play in 5-county region (Boone, Winnebago, Stephenson, Ogle, Rock).	Born during or after 1965, but at least 21 years old.	For students and recent grads looking for internships or their first professional job after graduation in the Rockford Area.
Meeting Schedule	Usually 3 - 4 events per month, committees meet monthly.	2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the YWCA.	N/A
Orientation	Community & Membership Orientation Quarterly, membership information also available online.	Quarterly orientations required for membership. 2010 dates are January 28 and April 29, held at 5:30 pm at Pearl, 6876 Spring Creek Rd in Rockford.	Register at website
Membership Dues	\$60 for individuals or \$100 for a couple. Business Rates range from \$500-5000.	Annual dues of \$100 on or before October 1st of each year. Members joining the group mid year will pay a prorated portion of the membership dues.	Free
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