

TENNESSEE FEDERATION DEMOCRATIC WOMEN
ANNA BELLE CLEMENT O'BRIEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Purpose

This is a \$1000 scholarship is to be used for study at an accredited institution that has granted admission to the student applicant. The student applicant must be a high school senior residing in State of Tennessee.

Rules

Student applicants must:

- be a high school senior
- have maintained a GPA between 2.5 and 3.0 throughout his/her junior and end of the first semester of senior year
- must have ACT score of at least 21
- complete the DWSC scholarship application
- must not be a member of or related to member(s) of TFDW Board of Directors/ Executive Committee*
- must be registered voters if age appropriate
- must submit a letter of recommendation from a community member (i.e. minister, organization officer, employer, etc.) that can attest to applicant's commitment to civic responsibilities (i.e. volunteer and extracurricular activities)
- must submit a letter of recommendation from high school administration or guidance counselor that can attest to the applicant's good standing in school (i.e. volunteer and extracurricular activities)
- evidence of provisional acceptance to a post high school accredited institution (i.e. college, university or technical school)

Procedure

Once the student applicant has met the conditions of the rules, the applicant must submit a 500-700 word essay on "*The Importance of Exercising the Right to Vote in America*". The submitted essay must include a cover (title) page, should be double spaced and typed. Subsequent pages should be numbered and include a running title. Applications can be downloaded from **TFDW Website: tfdw.org**.

Process

TFDW has an established scholarship selection committee consisting of three members to review and validate all submissions. A rubric (attached) will be used to score applicants' essays. Once an award-winning submission has been determined, the selection committee will conduct an interview with the applicant to ensure she is the true author of the submission. Along with the essay, the selection committee will use a checklist (attached) to make certain all required documents were submitted with the essay. The winning submission will be announced at the annual convention. The TFDW President will direct all other announcements and activities related to the winning submission.

Deadline

Applicants must submit all documents to the TFDW via mail at Democratic Women P.O. Box 772311, Memphis, TN 38177 or email dwsc.901@gmail.com by end of business March 31st.

Announcement/ Notifications

The winning applicant will be notified in writing by April 15th.

*A TFDW relative would be biological or adoptive parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts and uncles. Foster parents are not considered relatives.