

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

### Purpose

This 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 **female** high school senior residing in the state of Tennessee.

### Rules

Student applicants must:

- be a high school senior
- have a GPA of at least 2.8
- must have ACT score of at least 21
- complete the TFDW scholarship application
- must not be a member of or related to member(s) of TFDW 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. Application attached and can be downloaded from **TFDW Website: [tfdw.org](http://tfdw.org)**.

**Process**

TFDW will establish a scholarship selection committee of at least three to review and validate all submissions. Once an award-winning submission has been determined, the selection committee will conduct an interview with the applicant to ensure he/she is the true author of the submission. Along with the essay, the selection committee will use a checklist to make certain all required documents were submitted with the essay. The selection committee will announce the winning submission to the TFDW President. 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 3121, Memphis, TN 38173 or email [ezelld1@bellsouth.net](mailto:ezelld1@bellsouth.net) by end of business March 31st.

**Announcement/ Notifications**

The winning applicant will be announced and 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.

**TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN  
ANNA BELLE CLEMENT O'BRIEN  
APPLICATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Student's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Student's Parents/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's/Guardian's Phone: (home)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(cell)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's County of Residence:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of School Guidance Counselor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Academic Scores: GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ACT SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SAT SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student is a Registered Voter: Yes** \_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_ **N/A** \_\_\_\_

**Are you a member of Tennessee Federation of Democratic Women?:** \_\_\_\_\_

Are you related to a member of Tennessee Federation of Democratic Women Executive Committee? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ If yes what\_\_\_\_\_

List extracurricular activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
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What college(s) have you applied to? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What colleges have accepted you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Where will you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

When will you start? \_\_\_\_\_

What will be your major? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information you'd like to share?  
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**Student's Signature**

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**Date**