



Federation Awards from 1986

The NFDW Awards were first given in 1986 by President Caroline Wilkins at Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas. Special recognition was given to Federation Founder Rilla Moran Woods; Dorothy Bush, long-time Secretary of the DNC; Betty Bumpers, co-founder of Peace Links and Pamela Harriman, stellar Democratic fundraiser. All four were present to accept their Awards and conducted workshops or served on panels during Convention. Later that year, Caroline, Immediate-Past President Angie Elkins and her daughter Debbie Elkins met and drafted the criteria for three awards: Outstanding NFDW Member; Outstanding Democratic Woman Elected Official and Humanitarian.

Outstanding NFDW member

1987 Jane Bullock, AZ
1988 Agnes Bird, TN
1989 Rae Small, FL
1990 Annette Jones, DC
1991 Angie Elkins, NC
1992 Caroline Wilkins, OR
1993 Gwen McFarland, TN
1994 Anne Mauzy, TX
1995 Pat Frank, OK
1996 Onita Hamlin, KS
1997 Charlotte Coker, WA
1998 Bernice Bowman, CT
1999 Laura Comini, OR
2000 Helen Knetzer, KS
2001 Corrine Anderson, MS
2002 Irene Younkman, KS
2003 Virgie Rollins, MI
2004 Ruth Rudy, PA
2005 Dot Mrowka, CT
2006 no award
2007 Barbara Mansfield, LA
2008 Ardena Matlack, KS

2009 Joanne LeBeau, CT
2010 Pat Hobbs, CA
2011 Jan Paschal, AR
2012 Judy Baker, NM
2013 no winner
2014 Janice Haynes-Davis, Washington DC
2015 Susanna French, KY

Outstanding Democratic Woman Elected Official

1987 Treasurer Mary Ellen Withrow, OIH
1988 State Sen. Frances Farley, UT
1989 State Sen. Helen Gordon Davis, FL
1990 Hon. Jolene Unsoeld, MC, WA
1991 Gov. Joan Finney, KS
1992 Treasurer Jimmie Lou Fisher, AR
1993 Gov. Ann Richards, TX
1994 Treasurer Martha Whitehead, TX
1995 Treasurer Sally Thompson, KS
1996 Insurance Commissioner Kathleen Sebelius, KS
1997 Sheila Jackson Lee, MC TX
1998 Asst. Sec. Of State Cathy Cox, GA
1999 Board of Education Janet Waugh, KS
2000 Treasurer Denise Nappier, CT
2001 US Sen. Jean Carnahan, MO
2002 Judge Cynthia Stephens, MI
2003 Comptroller Nancy Wyman, CT
2004 Sec. of State Susan Bysiewicz, CT
2005 Councilperson Linda Cropp, DC
2006 no award
2007 Nancy Pelosi, MC, CA
2008 Lt. Gov. Diane Denish, NM
2009 Sec. of State Mary Herrera, NM
2010 Secty of State Elaine Marshall, NC
2011 Hon. Eleanor Holmes Norton, DC
2012 Senator Claire McCaskill, MO
2013 Honorable Muriel Bower, DC
2013 no winner
2015 Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, CT

Humanitarian

1987 no award
1988 Rosetta Dotson, KS
1989 Evelyn Hibbs, OK
1990 Mary Ann Flunder, KS
1991 Hon. Ralph Yarborough, former Sen. TX
1992 Barbara Jordon, former MC, TX

1993 Tipper Gore, TN
1994 Alma Carter, KS
1995 Ruby Gilbert, KS
1996 Joan Wagnon, KS
1997 Dorothy Wallace, LA
1998 Julia Francisco, KS
1999 Martin Frost, MC, TX
2000 C. Delores Tucker, DC
2001 Rep. Barbara Ballard, KS
2002 Carolyn Campbell, KS
2003 Julia Clem, KS
2004 Thelma Adams, OH
2005 Marge Vaughn, KS
2006 Ruby Smith, KS
2007 Fran Lee, KS
2008 Pam Ray, Arkansas
2009 Pauline Janes KS
2010 Geraldine Flaharty, KS
2011 no award
2012 Virginia C Hesel, NJ
2013 Pat Lehman KS
2014 Wanda McLane, Missouri
2015 Linda Holland Jefferson, DC