



## RECOGNITION

In addition to the business of Convention, there are workshops and group breakout sessions. Recognition of outstanding elected Democratic Women. Federation members, and a person who has demonstrated the humanitarian characteristics occur annually. Nominations for these awards originate with the state organizations.

Young women between the ages of 18 and 25 receive recognition with the Founder's Internship Award of \$3,000 and the Agnes Bird Award of \$1,500. NFDW was founded by Rilla Moran Woods in 1972. The Internship at the DNC was created in 1977 to honor her. Agnes Bird served NFDW as legal counsel and parliamentarian. Frank Bird made a special presentation to NFDW establishing a memorial fund for his wife, Agnes, in 1994. The Award is for a young woman to intern in her own state.

### Steps in selecting candidates for Founder's Internship Award

- Set aside money in annual budget for expenses in the event of winning.
- Gather materials sent by NFDW Founder's Award Committee Chair.
- Set deadline for applications to State Founder's Award Committee (two weeks to a month ahead of National Deadline.
- Send "call for applications" to members/Clubs and media (put on State Party website).
- Be certain that the State Federation contact is well versed in the process of the application (This is an opportunity for your organization to have positive contacts with young women. Don't blow it.)
- Monitor receipt of applications. Intensify notification to places where politically young women work, etc.
- When the Selection Committee chooses a State winner, notify the media and forward the winning applicant to NFDW Founder's Award Chair. **Don't Miss the Deadline.**

- Follow up with applicants who did not win and invite them to your next event. Encourage them to try to again.
- Send “thank you” letters to Selection Committee.

The NFDW Founder’s Award Committee will evaluate the State entries and designate a Founder’s Internship Award winner who receives \$3,000 and a one-month internship at the DNC Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The Agnes Bird Memorial Award of \$1,500 goes to the first runner up. The winner’s State Federation makes arrangements for an Internship with the State Party Office or a Congressional District Office. These Awards are presented at NFDW annual Convention.