

NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS of GFWC

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2017 GIRLS' CAREER INSTITUTE FACT SHEET

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Girls' Career Institute (GCI) is a program offered by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC (NJSFWC) for girls who will complete their junior year in high school. The dates for the 2017 GCI are Monday, June 5th through Thursday, June 8th.

Delegates are sponsored and the cost is underwritten by a local NJSFWC club. Delegates are selected on the basis of their interest in attending college, community service and participation in school activities. Girls seeking career options and the opportunity to gain insight into college life are usually excellent candidates. The Club may be involved in the selection of the Delegate and the Alternate if the high school submits the names of students for consideration. The Club may interview and select the Delegate and the Alternate, if they choose.

GCI offers a "mini college experience." Delegates will experience a sample of college life by living in a dorm, eating in the cafeteria, attending lectures and workshops at Douglass Residential College on the Rutgers University campus in New Brunswick. They will learn about career choices and how to network with other delegates from all over the state of New Jersey. Many establish lasting friendships with one another.

Delegates are required to attend all lectures, workshops and meals in the cafeteria. The dress code is appropriate school attire with the appropriate clothing for sports and activities.

Organized sports activities, swimming, crafts, and after dinner sessions in the dorms are just a few of the activities available during free time.

Clubwomen volunteer their time to act as housemothers for each wing. A nurse is on duty at all times. Delegates must be in their wing by 11:00 p.m. with lights out at 12:00 midnight.

Delegates are expected to arrive at 2:00 p.m. Monday and are to be picked up by a parent or guardian at the dorm on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. after the morning program.

Delegates must be academically able to be excused from school for the four days of GCI. This may involve foregoing some pre-exam reviews, taking exams early, or missing a sporting event or other activity. Accepting this Girls' Career Institute opportunity carries with it a responsibility to stay for the complete session... **THERE CAN BE NO EXCEPTIONS. ANY DELEGATE UNABLE TO STAY SHOULD DECLINE IN FAVOR OF THE ALTERNATE.**

Each Delegate will receive a packet with the necessary forms, requirements and the name and contact person of the sponsoring Club. She and a parent/guardian will be invited to attend an Orientation meeting in her geographical area in May. At this reception she will meet other delegates and many questions will be answered. Alternates are encouraged to attend the session in their area so that they will likewise be prepared if they become the delegate.