

NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS of GFWC

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The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) is a non-political, nonsectarian, non-profit organization founded in 1894 with a current membership of over 7,000 volunteers. Reflecting NJSFWC's interest in helping young women face a challenging future, the organization sponsors an annual Girls' Career Institute, four day mini-college experience. This year, 2017, will mark its seventy-first year. This program affords a unique experience for approximately 175 students from all over the state. Only girls finishing their JUNIOR year in a New Jersey high school are eligible. A local NJSFWC Woman's Club sponsors each delegate and will pay the full tuition.

This program will be of interest to students who are possibly interested in college but may need some encouragement or incentive. Girls' Career Institute (GCI) provides the delegates with a taste of college life. They will live in a dorm on the Douglass Residential College Campus at Rutgers University. They will eat cafeteria food, meet delegates from New Jersey towns that they never knew existed and take on the responsibility of scheduling their own free time. More importantly, it offers them an opportunity to learn of the many career options available to young women today. Since 1955 the NJSFWC also offers a scholarship to incoming Douglas Residential College freshman who have attended GCI.

The delegates will be challenged by successful women who followed their own vision and gained prominence in their chosen professions. The presenters have a wide range of skills. Past presenters have included women with careers as a Physician, FBI Agent, Lawyer, Editor, Pilot, Nurse, in Law Enforcement, and in Math and Science based careers.

Your assistance is needed in the selection process. Be aware that the sponsoring club must return the completed DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM and the ALTERNATE REGISTRATION FORM to this Director by March 1, 2017. Therefore, distribution of APPLICATION FORMS to junior girls at your school interested in attending GCI must be accomplished in early February. Usually, two weeks allow those interested time to complete the application. This will still leave enough time for the club representatives to review those submitted, possibly interview, and make a selection within the time frame allowed.

Most questions can be answered by your local club representative, but feel free to call or email me for additional information if necessary.

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