

**NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS of GFWC**  
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**2020 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 2020 GCI are Monday, June 1st through Thursday, June 4th.

The cost of attending GCI is underwritten by a local NJSFWC club as the sponsor. Delegates are selected based on their interest in gaining insight into attending college and seeking career options. While community service and participation in school activities are strongly considered, GCI is not an award for service or scholarship. Local clubs may contact applicants of their own choosing or contact area schools to ask them to submit the names of students for consideration. If working with a school submission of applicants, the club may be involved in the selection of the Delegate and the Alternate by interviewing those applicants or they may leave the selection to the school personnel. In every case the Registration Form for Delegates and Alternates must be sent to the Director by March 1, 2020.

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 group sessions, select from a variety of workshops and attend all meals in the cafeteria. The dress code is appropriate school attire with alternative clothing for sports and activities.

Zumba, swimming, crafts, a variety of service projects and special after dinner group sessions are just a few of the activities available during free time.

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

Delegates are expected to arrive between 1:00 and 2:30 p.m. Monday and are to be picked up by a parent or guardian at the dorm on Thursday at 11:30 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 information for the member of the sponsoring Club in early April. She and a parent/guardian will be invited to attend an Orientation meeting in her geographical area in the later half of 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.