



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF LAWRENCE/DOUGLAS COUNTY

Scholarship Policy (updated February 14, 2013)

MEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS. Interested and eligible individuals should not be prevented from being active in the League for financial reasons. Dues scholarships from the LWV-L/DC Scholarship Fund (which consists of money contributed for the specific purpose of dues scholarships) may be available for new and continuing members who have difficulty affording dues. Because these funds are limited and because LWV members are expected to help support the League, all recipients of scholarships are expected to contribute a token amount toward their dues. They should also explain how they will participate in and support the League during the year.

Recipients of awards from the Scholarship Fund may be self-nominated or nominated by a member of the Board. Nominations should be made to a Scholarship Committee comprised of the President, Treasurer, and Membership Chairperson. Nominations should include the name, address, phone number, and email address of the nominee, together with the name of the nominator. Any nomination should be based on a good faith belief that joining LWV without a scholarship would impose a financial hardship on the nominee.

Scholarships will ordinarily be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, individual contributors to the Scholarship Fund may direct their contributions to recipients of their choosing. Only members of the Scholarship Committee, the nominator, the nominee, and (in the case of a directed contribution) the contributor may know the names of nominees and scholarship recipients.

In the event that the cost of awarding full scholarships to all nominees would exceed available funds, all nominees not selected for a scholarship will be given a complimentary, 1-year e-mail subscription to *The Voter* and awarded a scholarship if funds become available within the League membership year. Unfunded nominees are welcome to attend all LWV-LDC functions, including those restricted to members, but do not have a vote in LWV affairs and may not serve as officers or Board members.

Nominations will be considered current for one League membership year. Recipients of continuing scholarship awards must be re-nominated each League membership year.

Scholarships should go to pay for individual dues; they may not be used to pay for household dues.