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Dear State Presidents and Regional Director,

The NFDW Convention of 2017 will be on us before we know it. The Awards Committee wants you to start thinking about who would be deserving nominees from your home state. We are contacting you for nominees for consideration for: ***Outstanding NFDW Member of the Year, Outstanding Elected Democratic Woman Holding Public Office and the NFDW Humanitarian Award.***

These awards are presented annually during our NFDW Convention. The awards started with our NFDW founder, Rilla Moran Woods and others informally in 1986. In 1987, the awards were drafted, formalized with criteria and sent to NFDW members. States were encouraged to recognize Outstanding Democrats in these categories and forward the choices as a nominee for consideration to the Awards Committee Chair. The Awards Committee then presents the winners during the Awards Luncheon at the NFDW Convention.

It is the Committee's hope this year as it has been in the past, that you will encourage your members to participate in this process. Below are the guidelines for selection.

#### **GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION**

1. In submitting the supporting information for a nominee, follow the criteria which is the basis for evaluating nominees for the Awards.
2. Present supportive material as numbered exhibits with the letter of nomination.
3. Nominations are to be submitted by State Federations, or where the entire state is not federated by a member club. The nominee need not be a resident of the state submitting the nomination.
4. The nominee must be present at the National Convention to receive the award, unless some unforeseen event occurs to prevent attendance.
5. Organizations are requested to limit nominations to one per category.

PLEASE SUBMIT INFORMATION AND LETTERS BY EMAIL TO THE AWARDS CHAIR AT: [pstepp48@gmail.com](mailto:pstepp48@gmail.com)

**OUTSTANDING NFDW MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

1. Current active member of the NFDW who personifies NFDW objectives (i.e., Article II, Bylaws: The objective of the NFDW shall be to unite women of the Democratic Party, to promote the cause of the Democratic Party and to encourage full participation of women in every level of the Democratic Party structure)
2. Contribution by the nominee to the growth, development and promotion of NFDW.
3. National scope and stature of the nominee.
4. Personal political involvement by the nominee.

**OUTSTANDING ELECTED DEMOCRATIC WOMAN HOLDING PUBLIC OFFICE**

1. Current elected Democratic office holder of national, regional, state or local scope.
2. Demonstrated support of NFDW by nominee.
3. Significant contribution to the Democratic Party and it's principles by the nominee.
4. Demonstrated commitment by the nominee to the success of other Democratic women in the Party organization and for elective office.

**NFDW HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

1. Significant contribution to the cause of human and/or civil rights.
2. Demonstrated support of the NFDW.
3. Nominee possesses leadership qualities.
4. Nominee's success in achieving human and /or civil rights. (The nominee may be male or female but must meet the criteria.)

**DEADLINE FOR THE NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2017 TO BE CONSIDERED.**

**Send nominations via email to:**

**Peggy Stepp at [pstepp48@gmail.com](mailto:pstepp48@gmail.com)**

Looking forward to seeing you at the NFDW Convention in South Carolina.

Sincerely,



Peggy Stepp



## NFDW Internship Application 2017

Please fill out the following:

Political campaigns in which you have participated (include dates)

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Activities, duties or positions you have been engaged in or performed for the Democratic Party at any level.

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Extracurricular:

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## **NFDW INTERNSHIP APPLICATION**

You may submit additional sheets should any space provided be inadequate for your response. You may also submit letters of recommendation from Democratic officeholders or Party leaders.

Please include an essay of not less than 200 words describing your political and career aspirations and why the NFDW Founders' Internship would help you achieve your goals.

Forward your application to your Federation State President or Chair (all of these are listed on our website [www.nfdw.com](http://www.nfdw.com)) Your Federation President/Chair will provide an endorsement letter and forward your application to:

Peggy Stepp, Chair

NFDW Awards Committee

Via email at [pstepp48@gmail.com](mailto:pstepp48@gmail.com)

Any questions call me at 417-883-672 or call 417-880-6073

**The deadline for the application to be received is by May 1, 2017. Applications after that date will not be considered.**