

# House of Representatives State of Tennessee



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Dear Friends:

Female high school juniors and seniors (from the classes of 2006 and 2007) have a special opportunity to enter a national essay contest that will award seven \$3,000 unrestricted college scholarships. And the topic is a compelling one: The story and legacy of one contemporary American woman who championed one or more rights in the U.S. Bill of Rights.

The National Foundation for Women Legislators and the National Rifle Association are co-sponsoring their ninth annual essay contest. This year, it is entitled "Today's Heroic American Woman."

The contest's seven winners will receive a \$3,000 college scholarship and an all-expenses-paid trip to NFWL's Annual Conference, November 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 2006, where they will be mentored by, network with, and give a speech to hundreds of women lawmakers from across the United States.

I hope that you will encourage at least one college-bound junior or senior to participate. This young woman should be inspired by the challenge of conveying in an essay – and in a speech to elected leaders at a national conference – the story and legacy of one modern American woman who is a champion of liberty.

The NFWL selection committee will primarily weigh the factors of storytelling, understanding of the Bill of Rights, and original insight.

A complete set of information for applicants is attached. Questions may be directed to my office at 615-741-2804.

The essay must be received by NFWL no later than **Tuesday, August 15, 2006.**

Sincerely yours,

Donna Rowland