

NFRW/TFRW Scholarships and Internships Chair Report

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TFRW State Scholarship Donations

So far in 2008, 20 Republican Women's clubs have sent donations for the Texas Federation of Republican Women State Scholarship. The donations range from \$10 to \$100, with \$27 being the average amount. Thank you for your contributions!

Republican Women clubs may receive 25 points toward the John Goodwin Tower Award of Excellence if they donate to the TFRW State Scholarship in both 2008 and 2009. Checks should be made payable to TFRW Scholarship Fund and sent to the state office.

Although the TFRW Scholarship will not be awarded until next year, now is the time to encourage women to consider applying for the TFRW and NFRW scholarships. If the TFRW Scholarship Committee receives applications early next spring, there will be time for making recommendations. Information regarding the TFRW Scholarship is available online at TFRW.org. Information on the two NFRW Scholarships and the Dorothy Andrew Kabis Internship is available at NFRW.org.

Report from Dorothy Andrews Kabis Memorial Internship Recipient

(Kindal Wetuski was selected by NFRW as one of three intern recipients. She spent six weeks working as an intern this summer at the NFRW Headquarters.)

The Dorothy Andrews Kabis Memorial Internship was such a blessing. I am so glad that I applied and won! The women at the NFRW Headquarters in Washington were wonderful people to learn from and I wouldn't trade my D.C. experience for anything.

I worked on several projects, but working at John McCain's national headquarters was the most eye-opening. I volunteered one day per week to make phone calls and help with organization of campaign materials. It was wonderful to be surrounded by volunteers who shared a passion for their party. I also worked on a project involving women candidates running for Congress. I put together a document that included the candidates' positions, biographies and values. It made me more aware of the women who are an integral part of our government.

While in D.C. I was able to meet many other interns working for senators, representatives, PACs, think tanks and non-profit organizations. I believe that this was one of the most crucial parts of my internship. I learned so much about other people my age and their political views. Coming from Texas, it's difficult to get different opinions. Our nation's capital is such a melting pot for all types of politics. It really broadened my horizons and made me appreciate my stances on many of our nation's issues.

NFRW was a wonderful place for me to start. The women were extremely welcoming and made my experience something to remember. This internship has definitely made me want to get a Capitol Hill internship next summer. I plan to stay involved with the Republican Women because they support political knowledge and action, two things our country would not be the same without.

Thanks to TFRW for all of your encouragement and support!

Kindal Wetuski