

Evaluation Criteria for Awarding the LWVIN Scholarships to Attend the 2016 LWVUS Convention

We seek to award scholarships to Local Leagues to attend the 2016 LWVUS Convention based on:

- 1) Financial Need
- 2) Fiduciary Responsibility
- 3) Commitment to LWV Program Goals

This year, the LWVIN is sponsoring a scholarship program of up to five (5) scholarships to pay for early bird registration to the 2016 LWVUS National Convention.

We are offering these scholarships based upon a set of criteria being established by the Executive Committee of the LWVIN Board. The award decision will be made by the Executive Committee of the Board. (The Executive Committee is comprised of the Co-Presidents, the First Vice President, and the Treasurer).

Please note: We advise consulting with your Treasurer before submitting this application as budget information will be requested.

1. **Financial Need:** The LWVIN board recognizes that one of the largest obstacles to attending the National convention is often financial hardship. To that end, the selection committee will take into account the financial situation of a Local League and how much of financial burden sending a delegate to the National Convention would be to that League.
2. **Fiduciary Responsibility/Priorities:** One of the most effective ways to gauge the priorities of any organization is by looking at where it spends its money. The selection committee is interested in knowing how Local Leagues prioritize their programming and fund development.
3. **Commitment to LWV Program Goals:** The LWV is a grassroots organization whose success depends wholly on the hard work and commitment of its Local League members. In an effort to maintain continuity throughout all three levels of League the selection committee would like to know your thoughts on the LWV proposed program for 2016-2018 and how your League might use the knowledge learned at the convention for a project in Indiana.

We will evaluate your scholarship submission based on the set of criteria outlined above. Please complete the Scholarship Application which will include these points. (NOTE: The above are NOT listed in order of importance or weight for evaluation.)

3. Deadline: All submissions listed above must be completed via the Survey Monkey link NO LATER THAN May 2, 2106. (If you choose to submit your application by U.S. Mail, hard copy submissions must be postmarked no later than April 25, 2016.) We will announce winners by May 9, 2016.

4. Questions: If you have any questions regarding your submission or criteria, please email league@lwvin.org or call Lisa Plencner at 574-532-8121.