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The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 to encourage citizens to participate in our democratic process of government.

To: Guidance Counselors and Educators
Re: Winona Smith Scholarship
Date: January 2021

This letter is to advise you of an opportunity for your graduating seniors to apply for a Winona Smith Scholarship that we will award early this summer. Please help us make your students aware of this opportunity. Our response deadline is May 1, 2021. Scholarship recipients will be chosen by June 1, 2021 and they and their schools will be notified as soon as possible thereafter. We would like to present recipients with their awards on school Honors Day.

These scholarships, in the amount of \$1,000, were established to honor Winona Smith, a long-time member of the League of Women Voters of Vermont, who devoted her energies to ensuring that Vermont students receive the best possible education. The awards are presented to a Vermont resident in his or her senior year of high school who has demonstrated an interest in civic participation and community service, who has a need for financial aid, and who is highly recommended by a teacher.

The application must be completed online. It can be found at <https://my.lwv.org/vermont/winona-smith-scholarship-application-2021>. The student will need to post TWO essays online, as well: one on a local, state, national, or international issue of importance to them AND one on a U.S. voting rights issue. BOTH essays are necessary for completion of the application. Recommendations by teachers can be uploaded to <https://my.lwv.org/vermont/recommend-scholarship-applicant>. Applications should be completed online no later than May 1, 2021. Only completed applications including two essays and a recommendation letter will be considered for the scholarship. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they have a completed application. If there are questions, please email league@lwvofvt.org.

Thank you. We appreciate your help and look forward to your students' applications!

Sincerely,

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