

# **Texas Federation of Women's Clubs**

## **Preliminary Inventory**

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### **TFWC Scholarships**

TFWC loan, grant and scholarship records dating from 1902 are currently being processed. The following is a short history of the scholarships currently offered by the organization. Information is taken from the TFWC scholarship brochure.

#### ***Continuing Scholarships***

##### **1903 Scholarship**

**University of Texas/Austin**

TFWC was four years old in November, 1901, when the clubwomen launched their first fund-raising drive to establish a scholarship for a student who would live in the new Woman's Building at the University of Texas. TFWC had worked in support of legislation for the \$50,000.00 appropriation for this building.

The goal of \$3,500.00 was reached, and in November, 1903, at the close of the Pennybacker administration, the fund was placed at the University of Texas.

##### **Penny Art Scholarship**

The idea for the "Penny Art Fund" originated in the New Jersey Federation in 1919. Adopted by the GFWC in 1930, it has been a TFWC Project since that time. Its aim is to enrich life through the development of appreciation for art and to assist students with artistic talents.

The original plan was that each club member would contribute one penny or more each year, and some clubs still do this today; however, many clubs give considerably more than this amount each year. Beginning in 1962, it became customary to present an art scholarship of \$200.00 per year through this fund.

##### **Latin American Scholarship**

In 1941, a resolution was adopted by the TFWC Board of Directors "to promote Good Will with the Latin American Countries" by granting a scholarship to a girl from a Latin American country for study at the University of Texas in Austin.

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The first beneficiary and others were financed by club contributions and the General Fund. During the administration of Mrs. J. W. Walker (President 1940-1942), clubs were asked to contribute annually to the support of this scholarship fund. At that time, the recipient received \$100.00 per month and resided at TFWC Headquarters.

In 1974, the TFWC State Scholarship Fund Committee voted to grant the scholarship to recipients selected by the committee. The recipient may attend any college or university in Texas.

#### **Musical Penny Scholarship**

In 1943, a resolution was introduced to establish a fund to be known as the "Musical Penny Fund" for the purpose of building an endowment for a music scholarship. In 1952, a scholarship grant of \$200.00 per year for a period of five years was voted. After that time, the money was given to various colleges and universities.

#### **Eleanor Tipps Scholarship**

The District Presidents who served with Eleanor Tipps during her term as state president in 1976-1978 established this scholarship in her honor.

#### **Billie Lindley McMahan Scholarship**

The Billie Lindley McMahan Scholarship was a gift to Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, presented by the clubwomen of Texas, in honor of Billie Lindley McMahan, TFWC president 1988-1990. This gift to TFWC was in lieu of any personal gift as she left the office of president. The original amount of \$5,000.00 was contributed by districts, clubs, and individuals.

#### **Simmang Volunteer Award Scholarship**

In 1998, a scholarship fund was established in honor of Minnie Simmang, president 1996-1998. The scholarship, which is based on volunteer activities, is to be awarded to students who are attending accredited colleges or universities.

#### **TFWC State Scholarships**

In 1971, the members of the Board of Directors of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Charitable and Education Fund, Inc., unanimously voted to dissolve that corporation, and the funds from the "C & E Fund" were transferred to the TFWC State Scholarship Fund. The TFWC State Scholarship Fund Committee voted to award one or more scholarships annually based on the amount of interest accrued in this fund. The

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scholarships are alternated among the district, and the recipient must be attending a college or university.

The TFWC State Scholarship Fund Committee is composed of one representative from each of the fourteen districts in the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, the State President, and the State Treasurer. The State Parliamentarian shall meet with the committee upon request of the chairman. The committee meets prior to spring convention and at other times as needed. This committee controls the awarding of the TFWC State Scholarships.

***Sustaining/Endowed Scholarships***

These are scholarship funds that have been placed at various colleges and universities. The schools select the awardees.

**Fannie C. Potter Scholarship**

**Texas Woman's University, Denton**

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention in Denton in 1928 voted to set up the Fannie C. Potter Scholarship at Texas State College for Women (TWU) from one-half of the residue of funds raised for the General Federation Convention held in San Antonio in June of that year. A total of \$25,000.00 had been raised, and the expenses were \$18,815.00. In 1945, the principal which had been on deposit in the Federation Treasury, was handed to the College, and the fund increased to an amount of \$4,000.00 from an accumulation of unused interest.

**Dorothy House Vieman  
Oriental Scholarships**

**Southern Methodist University, Dallas  
Howard Payne College, Brownwood**

As the administration project of Mrs. A. J. House (President 1956-1958), contributions were made for a scholarship fund to the memory of her only child, Dorothy House Vieman, who died January 13, 1955. Because of Mrs. Vieman's interest in the education of Oriental women, this scholarship is designated for women of this ethnic group.

**Mae Wadley Boyd  
Professional Nursing Scholarship**

**Texas Woman's University, Denton**

This scholarship was the administration project of Mrs. Ben W. Boyd (President 1958-1960). Due to a critical shortage of nurses, and to encourage the best qualified high school graduates into collegiate programs of nursing, this project was selected as a service to humanity.

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