

# *New Window of Opportunity Opens*



## **Six NTP Scholarships Available for 2003** **July 7-11, 2003 - Chicago, Illinois** *Jeanette S. Hite, Scholarship Chair*

As Federally Employed Women (FEW) prepares to celebrate its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, new visions and new end roads continue to flourish. FEW is progressively becoming more recognized as a national professional women's organization. I believe this is true in part because of the interest of women and men who desire to join an organization like FEW, but also for the need of women and men to align themselves with an organization like FEW.

FEW, over the years, has extended the invitation to its members and welcomed non-members alike to take advantage of its National Training Program (NTP). This annual event is hosted in select cities all across the United States. Quality course curriculum and quality trainers have won the support and endorsement of the Office of Personnel Management.

Many agencies and employees throughout the federal government are often faced with tight budgets and competition for agency training dollars, making it difficult to attend training sessions that are vital to upward mobility and basic training needed to move up the ladder of success. Recognizing the need to support educational opportunities, FEW established a Scholarship program several years ago as a means to support members attending the National Training Program. Once again in 2003, FEW will award a total of **six scholarships**; five (5) scholarship awards are available to actively employed FEW members, and one (1) Scholarship award is available for a retired member of FEW.

More information about these scholarships and other opportunities are posted on FEW's National website [www.few.org](http://www.few.org)

## **New Collegiate Scholarship Established**

Federally Employed Women (FEW) announces the availability of a new Scholarship program. During the National Board of Directors meeting held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the National Board voted unanimously to establish a Collegiate Scholarship for FEW members. To qualify for this Scholarship, you must meet the following criteria: Be an active member of FEW for three years or more; be pursuing your first Associate Degree or first Bachelors Degree at an accredited institution; be a GS-10 or below (or equivalent in alternative pay systems); submit a two page essay addressing, "Why I Should be Awarded a FEW Collegiate Scholarship"; and submit three letters of reference, preferably from a Chapter President, Regional Manager, Community Leader and/or Supervisor. This Scholarship is established to assist highly motivated and academically talented members of FEW including actively employed members, members-at-large and retired members. The person receiving this scholarship is not limited to a particular field of study or career objective in pursuing her or his academic discipline.

The **deadline** for application **receipt is APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>**. The Scholarship Application form and additional information is posted on FEW's National website at [www.few.org](http://www.few.org) If you have questions or need additional information, please contact your Chapter President, Regional Manager, or one of the following members of the National Scholarship committee:

- Jeanette S. Hite at 301-967-2490 (only), or email at [Ronette50@aol.com](mailto:Ronette50@aol.com)
- Wanda Killingsworth at 301-864-4138, or email at [wanda.v.killingsworth@irs.gov](mailto:wanda.v.killingsworth@irs.gov)
- Mary Souers 515-377-2509 or email to [Mary.C.Souers@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Mary.C.Souers@aphis.usda.gov)