



younger women's task force
A Project of the National Council
of Women's Organizations

1050 17th Street NW Suite 250
Washington DC 20036
202.293.4505 voice
202.293.4507 fax
www.ywtf.org
ywtf@ncwo-online.org

YOUNGER WOMEN'S TASK FORCE 2007 ALEXIS KNOX FELLOWSHIP

The Younger Women's Task Force (YWTF) is proud to announce the 2006 Alexis Geneva Knox Fellowship in support of Younger Women's Leadership, Scholarship, and Advocacy.

This 12 month fellowship will be awarded in January of 2007. The fellowship will provide 1-4 YWTF member fellows with a chance to pursue artistic, activist, skills building, and/or career advancement opportunities as well as provide fellows with financial assistance, mentoring, professional leadership consultation.

All YWTF Fellows must be YWTF members nominated for consideration by one of YWTF's 12 chapter directors. Chapter Directors may nominate up to three members for every 100 members in the chapter (i.e., chapter directors in chapters with under 100 members can nominate three people, chapter directors in chapters with 101-200 members can nominate six people, chapter directors with 201-300 members can nominate nine people, etc.). YWTF members not currently in a chapter may contact their nearest YWTF chapter director with their interest to be nominated for the Alexis Knox Fellowship.

ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

The Alexis Knox Fellowship is an innovative national program designed to support Younger Women as they build their leadership capacity and support the YWTF community.

The Alexis Knox Fellowship is named in honor of Alexis Knox, a founding member of YWTF and a younger woman whose leadership potential was cut short when she past away earlier this year. Still, at 22 years old, Alexis was a seasoned activist at Barnard college and in her volunteer work. She was the first to register for YWTF's founding meet-up, served as co-director of the YWTF NYC Chapter and was an integral member of our community. She will be greatly missed and, in establishing this Fellowship, the YWTF community hopes that her commitment to women's leadership will live on through this award in her honor.

Fellowship Fund: Selected Fellows will receive a grant from the Alexis Knox Fellowship Fund of \$1200 to \$5000 per participant to support leadership-building activities through individual and collaborative projects. Fellows are encouraged to pursue activities that enhance their public leadership skills, reach diverse constituencies, build community, and strive for tangible skills building. The Fund also offers fellows the opportunity to collaborate with others within the YWTF community to expand their work beyond their specific chapter.

The activities must support younger women and must be inline with YWTF's mission, vision, and values. YWTF is particularly interested in fellowship proposals that will directly support the YWTF community. For some examples of the kind of projects YWTF would be interested in funding please see the "Fellowship Proposal Ideas" Attachment.

Required Commitments: Alexis Knox Fellows, once selected, will be expected to participate in one or two teleconferences with YWTF leadership, and may be asked to attend one event as a YWTF representative. Fellows will speak with a leadership consultant who will work with them as they draft a personal leadership plan (PLP) which will include but will not be limited to the



younger women's task force
*A Project of the National Council
of Women's Organizations*

1050 17th Street NW Suite 250
Washington DC 20036
202.293.4505 voice
202.293.4507 fax
www.ywtf.org
ywtf@ncwo-online.org

goal set for their fellowship award funds. Their PLP should outline specific long and short term goals for their fellowship and the activities they will conduct to grow as leaders in their communities. The PLPs will help fellows identify short and long-term personal and professional aspirations and as well as provide a written guide for their Fellowship experience. Fellows will be expected to update these plans at the fellowship mid-point and at the fellowship closing. A truncated version of each fellow's PLP will be published on our website.

Fellows will also be connected with a seasoned national leader who will mentor them throughout the year with monthly conversations about their leadership growth and educational/career objectives. The fellows should look to their mentors for advice and help as they progress through the year.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

All fellow applicants must receive a formal nomination and recommendation letter from their local YWTF chapter director. Additional application needs can be found on the attached application form. All application materials must be submitted via email and in paper by November 15, 2006. YWTF Alexis Knox Fellow applicants will be selected by the YWTF Project director and board and will be notified in the month of January, 2007. Additional contact may be made with Fellowship applicants during the selection process.