

The Mission

To provide a permanent funding source to support fellowships, research and training for New York State women.

The Need

The number of women in graduate study is increasing dramatically at a time when tuition and other costs are rising rapidly.

Societal changes are presenting opportunities for women to take important leadership roles in industry, government and world affairs. A master's or doctorate degree is now mandatory in many fields if women are to qualify for such opportunities, thus adding greatly to the cost of their education.

How to Help

Gifts of any amount are warmly welcomed and may be made "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" a person of your choice. Acknowledgment and notification letters are sent for all gifts, regardless of amount.

A special category – Benefactor – recognizes gifts of \$1,000 or more. The donor's name is engraved on a brass plate mounted on a plaque that will eventually hang in a public place.

Anonymous donor requests will be honored.

Matching gifts by employers are encouraged. Corporate donors are welcomed partners in our fundraising drive and will receive special publicity.

Gifts of life insurance are welcome. Bequests can easily be accomplished by asking your attorney to insert this codicil in your will:

"I give and bequeath to NY Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, at P. O. Box 67, Voorheesville, NY 12186, the sum of \$_____ or _____ percent of my estate, to be used to further educational opportunities for New York State women."

Contributions

Your entire gift goes into the permanent endowment. A small, separate operating account, supported by special projects, is used to cover fundraising expenses. Through the dedicated efforts of volunteers and in-kind contributions by employers, fundraising costs are kept to a minimum.

The History

To ensure that financial support is available on a permanent basis, the NY Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund, Inc. (GLEF) was established as a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit corporation on the vote of the membership at the annual conference. Gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law and the principal raised will always remain invested.

The members of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs of New York State, Inc. (BPW/NYS) established the Grace LeGendre Fellowship at its annual meeting in 1969. This Fellowship was named for a former president of the Rochester BPW and a past president of the BPW/NYS Federation.

The Fellowships provide awards to New York State women who are candidates for masters and doctoral degrees at colleges and universities throughout New York State in a wide range of disciplines. A selection process is held annually and administered by the Endowment Fund's Board of Directors.

Achievements

Between 1989 and 2013 the GLEF has awarded 138 fellowships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500 each, to women enrolled in graduate study at 52 NYS colleges and universities. Fellowships have been awarded to women completing 89 master degrees and 49 doctorates in 41 different fields of study from medicine to theology. Awards given during this 25 year period totaled over \$136,200.

Most recently, GLEF has begun awarding grants to organizations to sponsor educational or research opportunities to further the advancement of working women. Information about the Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund, Inc. is available at:

www.gracelegendre.org

Gifts Mailing Address:
**Grace LeGendre
Endowment Fund, Inc.**
124 Gateway Drive
Staten Island, NY 10304-4441

New York State Women, Inc.

On July 1, 2009 the National Federation of Business and Professional Women merged with its national foundation which is also a 501 (c)(3) corporation. The members of the New York federation subsequently voted to become an independent organization and changed its name to New York State Women, Inc. (NYSWI).

We continue to be the leading advocate for working women with local and regional groups throughout the state. NYSWI promotes full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for women.

Additional information about NYSWI is available at: www.nyswomeninc.org

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Chapter _____

My gift is made: In honor of _____
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