

League of Women Voters Needham Scholarship Awarded to NHS Graduating Senior

In 2007 LWV-Needham established the League of Women Voters Scholarship to be awarded to a Needham High School (NHS) graduating senior each year. We are pleased to award the scholarship of \$250 to Elena Dormady, a member of the NHS class of 2007. Elena accepted her award at the June Board Meeting (see photo) from Susan McGarvey and Gail Davis. Elena plans to attend the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth in the fall.



Award Criteria: The League of Women Voters Needham Scholarship is awarded to a NHS graduate who has shown commitment to the LWVN mission to encourage informed and active participation in government; work to increase understanding of major public policy issues and to influence public policy through education and advocacy. This commitment may be shown through

- participation in an election-related program[s];
- participating in educating voters, and pre-voters, on issue[s] relating to government and/or candidates;
- voter registration efforts and get out the vote campaigns;
- participation/leadership in an established program which teaches the process of governing [such as, but not limited to, the YMCA Youth in Government Program, Model Congress, Student Council, Political/Environmental programs, etc.]
- other activities deemed appropriate to the LWVN mission by the selection committee

Elena shared with the Board her passion for the democratic process which has been reinforced through her family, her participation in debates, especially Lincoln-Douglas style debating, and her interest in working in upcoming state and national campaigns. The Board invited Elena to join LWVN and to participate in upcoming League activities.