



February 2, 2026

Dear Federation Members:

I, Glenda Whitfield, President of Tennessee Federation of Democratic Women, in accordance with Article VI Bylaws, issue the Annual Call to Convention.

This year our country is celebrating America's 250th Anniversary. This is an opportunity for us to reflect on our nation's past, shine light on the truth, and recommit to defend democracy. At convention we will recognize the important contributions of women in the "unfinished" fight for liberty and justice for ALL.

Convention: Saturday, April 18, 9am-3pm Eastern Time

The Convention will be held in Oak Ridge, on Saturday, April 18, 2026. As a current resident, I welcome you to Oak Ridge, the city built in the shadow of World War II and famously known as the *Secret City*.

During the Convention we will conduct Federation business, celebrate bold women leaders, and elect TFDW Officers for 2026-2028. If you are unable to attend in-person, a virtual option is available when registering for the Convention.

- Convention: Saturday, April 18th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Eastern Time
- Address: Civic Center, 1403 Oak Ridge Turnpike
- Free parking is available in the parking lot shared by the Senior Center and Civic Center. Another option is the Oak Ridge Library parking lot.

Carrying on tradition, clubs (chapters) are asked to bring an item valued at \$40-\$50 for the silent auction. Members are asked to bring an item (\$5-\$10 value) for door prize drawings or a book for the used book sale.

Banquet: Saturday, April 18, 6-8pm Eastern Time

The evening Banquet is at the Museum of Appalachia. The *Smithsonian Affiliate* museum lends voice to the people of Southern Appalachia through a vast collection of artifacts, folk art, musical instruments, and much more. Come early and enjoy a self-guided tour of the museum.

The Banquet's keynote speaker is Wanda Sobieski, President Suffrage Coalition. Sobieski will lead us through the Women's Suffrage journey, including Tennessee's pivotal role in securing Women's Right to Vote, and bring us up-to-date on the unfinished business of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

Due to the Museum's catering capacity, registration for the Banquet is limited to sixty (60) people.

- Banquet: Museum of Appalachia, 6-8 pm Eastern Time
- Address: 2819 Andersonville Highway, Clinton, TN

Registration

Registration for the Convention (\$40) and the Banquet (\$60) will open at 12noon Central Time on February 9th and close at 12noon CT on March 25th. You can register online at fdw.org (click on "Events" link) or mail in the registration form provided. The late registration fee (after March 25, 12noon CT) for Convention is \$55.

Pre-Convention Event: Friday, April 17, 3pm ET

If you are in the Oak Ridge area the day before the Convention, local TFDW members invite you to a FREE event. We will meet at the Green McAdoo Cultural Center on Friday, April 17th, at 3pm ET. The Center is located at 101 School Street, Clinton, TN. The Center strives to educate the public on Clinton's role in the history of desegregation and Civil Rights. We will "virtually" meet classroom teacher Ms. Theresa Blair and learn about the local 1950 lawsuit, McSwain vs Anderson County. The lawsuit and its relationship to the landmark 1954 US Supreme Court decision in Brown vs Board of Education led to the desegregation of Clinton High School in 1956. Clinton High School was the first federally mandated desegregation in the South. Admission is free, donations are welcome. The Center closes at 5pm.

From the Pre-Convention Event to the evening Banquet and the Convention in between, I look forward to seeing you at TFDW's 68th Annual Convention!

Sincerely,

Glenda

Glenda Whitfield
President TFDW

Attachment: Mail-in Registration Form

**Mail-in Registration Form**

68th Annual Convention
Saturday, April 18, 2026
Oak Ridge, TN

Name _____

County _____

Email _____

Registration for the Convention and Banquet opens February 9, 2026 at 12noon Central Time.

Registration for the Banquet closes at 12noon Central Time on March 25, 2026. Due to the Museum of Appalachia's catering capacity, sixty (60) people is the maximum. Once the maximum limit is reached, the Banquet is Sold Out.

Early registration for the Convention, and all registration for the Banquet, closes at 12noon CT March 25, 2026.

Late registration for the Convention (after March 25th 12noon CT) incurs a higher registration fee.

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Pre-Conference Event, Free
- ☐ Convention In-person (includes lunch), \$40
- ☐ Banquet, \$60
- ☐ Dietary Restrictions, specify _____
- ☐ Virtual Convention, \$40
- ☐ Late Convention Registration (after March 25, 12noon Central Time), \$55

Mail registration form and check payable to TFDW:

TFDW Treasurer

P.O. Box 22334

Knoxville, TN 37933

If you are planning to attend the Banquet, please email As-Soon-As-Possible Treasurer Cary Hammond [treasurer@tfdw.org]