



Business and Professional Women/VT

ALICE PAUL AWARD Award Criteria and Application

About Alice Paul

Alice Paul (1885-1977) was a national leader of the women's suffrage movement and the founder of the National Woman's Party. Her goal was public and equal justice for women. She fought valiantly for national women's suffrage and equal rights.

After women won the right to vote in 1920 by virtue of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, Alice Paul decided to concentrate her efforts on a Constitutional Amendment that would guarantee women equal rights, and she never swerved from the course she set for herself and her group. First introduced in 1923, Alice Paul's Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was not approved by Congress until 1972. Today, supporters of the ERA are pursuing a strategy to get three more states to ratify the amendment, bringing the total up to the required 38 states. Legal scholars agree that under these circumstances, Congress could declare the ERA ratified.

Alice Paul's work exemplified the active commitment of many women to improving their world and the condition of their lives. Her co-workers regarded her with enormous respect; she inspired in others a deep devotion and willingness to work intensely for their causes.

Criteria

This award will be given to an individual or group who has demonstrated an active commitment to improving the lives of Vermonters by being a true champion for equal rights. Candidates should exhibit the same dedication to their cause(s) as demonstrated by Alice Paul.

Application

Please attach a cover letter and letter(s) of recommendation, explaining how the candidate(s) meet(s) the criteria for this award. **Deadline is September 30, 2006.**

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The Alice Paul Award will be presented at the BPW/VT Fall Get Together on November 4, 2006.