



Kathryn Thomas, left, League of Women Voters of Henderson County Student Leader Award winner, and Lee Luebbe, right, Life Member (50+ years) of LWV. [PROVIDED PHOTO]

League of Women Voters honors Thomas

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The League of Women Voters Henderson County (LWVHC) has awarded the 2020 Francee Sherman Student Award to Kathryn Thomas of Hendersonville High School.

This annual \$500 student award, named for the Henderson County League's first President Francee Sherman, is given to a graduating Henderson County Public

School senior who, through community involvement, student leadership and academic excellence, exemplifies our core value, to ensure a democracy where every person has the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

Among her accomplishments, Kathryn is Valedictorian of her class, has served as president of the National Honor Society, co-chair of the United Way

Henderson County Youth Council, delegate to the North Carolina Youth Legislative Assembly, student leader and tutor at the HHS Math Help Center, founder and president of the Global Lens Club, and a student member of the League of Women Voters.

She will attend Duke University in the fall.

In 1963, longtime downtown merchant Francee Sherman became the first president of the League of

Women Voters of Henderson County. She had such strong convictions about the good work of the League that when she passed away in 2011, she left an endowment to provide funds for educational projects that benefit League membership. These funds are managed by the Henderson County LWV Education Fund, a 501(c)(3), which provided the funds for this award.

For more info: lwvhcnc.org.