



Scholarship Overview

Introduction

In 2000 Professional Women of Winston-Salem (PWWS) established a Scholarship Fund for single mothers who reside in Forsyth County and seek to advance themselves through higher education. The fund will provide at least \$500 for tuition and books for one semester or quarter of study at an accredited institution. Qualifying students may apply for more than one semester. However, an application packet must be completed each time.

"Our organization wants to encourage women to go back to school, but we know how hard it can be for some single mothers who are juggling parenting and working," stated Hilary Kosloske, former president of PWWS. The organization hopes to grow the scholarship fund so that more money will be available in future years.

The current purpose and goals of PWWS are:

- to support women on a professional level;
- to learn from each member by sharing professional experience and ideas;
- to develop and influence confidence in women who aspire to higher career goals;
- to build a community of women who support each other in becoming more effective in the business world;
- to provide programs that stimulate professional and personal growth and development; and,
- to offer a forum where business women can exchange resources and new ideas, make new contacts, and open new lines of communication.

Eligibility Requirements

The Board of PWWS has provided these guidelines which must be met by the woman who is selected.

A candidate must:

- be a single mother going back to school at least 25 years of age or older
- be enrolled in an accredited institution degree program offering an AA, BA, BS, or equivalent degree
- have a minimum 3.0 GPA (cumulative)
- be employed and work at least 20 hours per week
- be a Forsyth County resident

Selection Criteria

The criteria which will be used for selection of candidates include:

1. Financial need established by the Financial Aid office of the school, and based on the applicant's FAFSA.
2. Applicant's stated career direction or commitment.
3. Application packet, letters of reference, and personal statement.

Selection Process

The PWWS Scholarship Committee will review the application packages and recommend finalists to the PWWS Board. The Board will make the final selection using the above selection criteria. Scholarship winners will be announced in November. Each winner must attend the monthly meeting in December to receive their award, and also to meet and network with the members.

Application deadline:
Spring Semester – October 15th
Applications must be received by this date – this is not a postmark date.



Checklist for Application Package

The following items must be included in each application packet for the applicant to be considered by the PWWS Scholarship Committee:

1. Completed application form.
2. Personal statement (minimum of 500 words).
3. Financial Need Statement (1 paragraph) from your Financial Aid Office addressing your financial need for this scholarship.
4. Copy of 2009-10 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR). Visit the FAFSA website (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>) for further information.
5. Copy of your current resume.
6. Official transcript(s) from all college(s) attended.
7. Three (3) letters of recommendation (these can be sent separately or included with your application if sealed & signed across the seal) from:
 - a. Teacher or Professor
 - b. Current employer, showing the employer is aware of, and supports, your educational plans
 - c. Personal recommendation from friend, family member or co-worker who can address your motivation to attend college and your ability to succeed.

Only submit requested materials.

Write your name on every page submitted (upper right hand corner).

Applicants will be notified if they have received a scholarship:

- Spring (applications due October 15th) – notified by end of November

Questions? You may email the Scholarship Committee at info@pwws.org. Please be sure to include "Scholarship Fund" in the subject line.

Please mail completed application packet to:

PWWS Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 30116
Winston-Salem, NC 27130

****Applications that are emailed or faxed will not be accepted.****

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PWWS Scholarship Application Form

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ **Marital Status:** _____
First MI Last Maiden

Address: _____
City ST, Zip

Social Security #: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____
Home Cell

FAMILY

Name(s) & Age(s) of Child(ren) living with you:

EMPLOYMENT

Current Employer:

Name: _____ **Occupation:** _____

Address: _____ **Date Hired:** _____
City ST, Zip

Hrs worked per week: _____ **Work Schedule:** _____ **Salary:** \$ _____

Describe your job responsibilities:

Please list previous employment (5 years).

Previous Employer	City/State	Occupation	Date Employed	Reason Changed
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EDUCATION

College/University currently attending: _____

Address: _____
City _____ ST, Zip _____Dates Attended: _____ Type of Degree: AA BA BS Other: _____
(Please circle)

Major: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Enrolled: PT FT Semester/Quarter hours completed: _____ semester quarter
(Please circle) (Please circle)
Semester/Quarter hours remaining: _____ semester quarter
(Please circle)**Previous Education** (Please list all schools attended, including high school. List most recent first.)

School Name	City/State	Dates Attended	Major	Degree Granted
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Academic Achievement/Honors. Please list other achievements/honors you have received in the past.

Academic Achievement/Honors	Date	School Attended

Grants/Scholarships. Please list other grants/scholarships you have received in the past.

Name of Grant/Scholarship	Date	School Attended

Current Grants/Scholarships. Please list any other grants/scholarships you are currently applying for.****Note:** Should you receive any of these grants/scholarships please inform PWWS as soon as possible.

Name of Grant/Scholarship	Time Period	Amount (\$)

Name: _____



**PWWS Scholarship Application
Personal Statement Form**

Please answer the following questions using this form. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

1. Describe your academic goals and personal interests. (minimum of 200 words)
2. Explain how this scholarship will be of use to you. (minimum of 100 words)
3. Why do you feel you deserve this scholarship? (minimum of 200 words)

Name: _____



**PWWS Scholarship Application
(Additional Sheet)**

Name: _____



**PWWS Scholarship Application
Professor Recommendation Letter**

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SECTION I. To be completed by the Applicant.

Name: _____
First MI Last

I have submitted an application to the PWWS Scholarship Committee. I understand that this recommendation is confidential and will not be released either to myself or a third party, and will be used only in the evaluation of my application. I hereby understand and agree to the use of this recommendation by the PWWS Scholarship Committee.

Signature of Applicant *Date*

SECTION II. To be completed by Recommender.

Name: _____
First MI Last

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Please attach your business card.

The student named above is applying for a PWWS Scholarship. This scholarship considers both NEED and MERIT. This scholarship is intended to help non-traditional single mothers complete their education while juggling the demands of family, work, and school, all the while demonstrating strong commitment to their academic studies.

Your evaluation is important and will be an integral element in our decision process. Please attach a letter addressing the following questions:

- How long, and in what capacity, have you known the applicant?
- How would you rate this applicant's academic performance in class?
- How would you rate this applicant's ability to work with others? Independently?
- Please provide the Scholarship Committee with an example(s) of a time when the applicant showed initiative, dedication, integrity, and reliability.

You may either:

1.) Mail the recommendation directly to the PWWS Scholarship Committee at:
PWWS Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 30116, Winston-Salem, NC 27130

or:

2.) Return this form and letter in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal, to the applicant to be included in their application packet.

Thank you for taking the time to share your recommendation with the PWWS Scholarship Committee.

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