



Bonita - Estero Woman's Club

"Working to make a difference"



2022 "WOMAN IN TRANSITION" SCHOLARSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENT

"An investment in knowledge pays the best dividends." Benjamin Franklin

The Bonita-Estero Woman's Club (BEWC), a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, is dedicated to improving the lives of others in Lee County of Florida. In the Club's first year being in the Federation, it has engaged in many fundraisers and provided back to the community. Now they seek to offer its first scholarship, following the Federation's long history in support of education.

This year, the Club seeks to make a difference by awarding a vocational scholarship to a woman, with limited skills, who is seeking to enter or re-enter the workforce. The 2022 *Woman in Transition Scholarship* will be made to one awardee in the sum of \$2,000.

The objective of this scholarship is to provide funds to a woman wishing to enter the workforce but lack the training needed to qualify. The recipient must be over 18 years of age and be a U.S. citizen. All applicants must be currently enrolled or accepted into a regional school or a school accredited by The Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools.

Thoroughly read the scholarship's requirements to determine qualifications. The application and criteria are also available on the Club's website: bonitaesterowomansclub.org.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Recipient must be female over the age of 18.
2. Recipient must be a Lee County, Florida resident, an American citizen, and attend an accredited Florida technical/vocational school. Extra consideration will be given to an applicant with special needs.
3. The Recipient must submit a completed **Scholarship Application Packet** that includes the Application, the Essay (including the Personal Statement) and THREE (3) references. The application packet can be submitted electronically through email or sent in first-class mail with a post-mark **no later than November 1st.**

Awards:

The Recipient will be notified by email or first-class mail by **December 15, 2022**. Recipient will receive an award certificate, an award letter, and a school verification form. The scholarship award will be sent to your school as soon as the school verification form is completed and authorized by the school's financial aid or scholarship department.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

THE ESSAY:

The essay is very important to the evaluation and selection process. Provide us with an essay using the following as your outline. The essay should not exceed **three pages** using no less than one-inch margins. Please use the font size no smaller than 12 point in Arial, Calibri, or Times New Roman. If you are mailing (not emailing) your application, include your name, email and phone number **on each page** of the application.

1. Personal Statement—write a brief paragraph describing who you are, challenges you've faced, and current financial situation.
2. Professional Education Program
 - a. Name the educational program and school you be enrolled
 - b. What was the reason you chose this path?
 - c. What, if any, family or personal circumstances have affected your achievement in school, work, or community activities?
3. Long Term Goals
 - a. Describe your long-term goals; where do you see yourself in 5 years?
 - b. How would this scholarship affect your educational plans?
 - c. What efforts have you and/or your family made toward obtaining your training or certification?
4. Do you have any special needs (language barrier, reading disorder, physical challenges, etc.)?

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REFERENCES:

Three (3) references are required and must be submitted using the Reference Form included in this packet. Be sure that each reference understands that they will be contacted by the Educational Scholarship Committee. You might consider asking for references from teachers, employers, a counselor that you have worked with or a director of a group you have volunteered for. Ask someone who knows you (but not a family member) and can comment on your abilities, desire and determination to complete your education and career goals.

1. Full Name: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

2. Full Name: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

3. Full Name: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

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APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Full Name (First, MI, Last)

Birth date Driver's License# & State

Florida Resident Yes No

Home Address

City, State, Zip

Mailing Address (if different than Home address)

City, State, Zip

Cell Phone

E-mail Address

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No

How did you learn about the scholarship?

Employment

Are you currently working? Yes No

If NO, Why not?

If YES, Name of Employer

Phone Number

Job Title

Hours per Week Gross Salary

Type of Employment Temporary Permanent

Education

Are you currently attending school Yes No

If YES, Name of School

If NO, do you plan to apply to a School Yes No

If YES, Name & Location of School

What Course(s) are you planning to take during the 2022-2023 school year

Course Name Start Date End Date

By signing below, I understand that: Bonita-Estero Woman's Club reserves the right, at its discretion, to cancel or reduce any award without liability.

I hereby make application for scholarship aid, subject to the terms of this program, and certify that the information in this application is correct.

Signature of Applicant Date: