



Medford Area

2017 Scholarship

The AAUW (American Association of University Women) Medford Area Branch Scholarship Committee will accept applications for our \$1,000 Annual Scholarship for a non-traditional female college student through March 31, 2017. The scholarship, intended to help ease the burden of college expenses for the recipient, will be awarded in May 2017.

Eligibility

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be a resident of Burlington County, NJ.
2. Be a non-traditional female student enrolled in an undergraduate degree program. A non-traditional student might be someone whose family obligations required an interruption of several years prior to resuming a college program or someone who waited until later in life to start college. High school graduates proceeding directly to college are ineligible for this scholarship.
3. Must be a matriculated student in a degree program and must be taking at least one credit-bearing course per semester at an accredited community college, four-year college, or university.
4. Earn a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 if already enrolled in college.

Application Process

1. Complete and sign the application form.
2. Submit a typed, double-spaced essay of approximately 500 words (question 24 on application form). In your essay, please address the following:
 - a. Describe your quest for a college education and how it has taken a non-traditional route.
 - b. Describe your particular financial situation and need (you do not need to submit a FAFSA form, just describe your/your family's situation).
 - c. Include how this scholarship will help you achieve your goals.
3. Provide your most recent official school transcript(s) regardless of the age of the transcript(s).
4. Provide a completed recommendation form AND a recent letter of recommendation from a professional (employer, professor, etc.) who can speak to your character, qualities, and career aspirations. **The letter must be typed, signed and dated** and include the name, title, address, phone number, and the relationship to the applicant of the person making the recommendation. (This is a very important part of the application since it will give the AAUW committee a clear sense of your character and resolve.)
5. Send the application and other documents in a single package post-marked on or before-March 31, 2017, to:
Stephanie Berridge
AAUW Medford Area Branch Scholarship Chair
15 Big Look Trail
Medford, NJ 08055

For additional information, go to <http://medford-nj.aauw.net/scholarship/scholarship-application/>

or contact Stephanie Berridge, via telephone at 609-346-8709 or email at sberridge4@verizon.net



Scholarship Application 2016 Applicant Information

1. Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

2. Street Address: _____

3. City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

4. Email Address: _____

5. Telephone: _____ Best time to call: _____

6. Date of Birth: _____

7. Where did you hear about our scholarship? _____

8. Citizenship (if not US attach document of permanent residency):

9. Family status: Living alone Living with parents Living with spouse or partner
 Single parent Parent in two-parent family Other

10. Occupation:

11. Present employer and position:

12. Former employment (may attach resume or additional sheet):

13. Current income:

14. Additional income and resources (such as child support, SSI, AFDC, Public Assistance, support from parents)

15. Estimated financial aid including tuition reimbursement, scholarships and grants for 2015-2016 (list type and amount):

16. Have you applied for this scholarship before? If 'yes,' when?

17. Colleges/universities and dates attended:

| <u>Name(s) of college/university</u> | <u>Dates attended</u> | <u>No. credits</u> | <u>GPA*</u> |
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18. Major Field of study:

19. Total number of credits completed prior to spring semester 2016:

20. Cumulative GPA*

21. Anticipated date of graduation:

22. College and community activities (include-community or other volunteer activities as applicable - use additional sheet if necessary):

*Note: Transcript(s) required

23. Academic and civic honors (use additional sheet if necessary):

24. Submit a typed, double-spaced essay of approximately 500 words. In your essay, please address the following:

- a. Describe your quest for a college education and how it has taken a non-traditional route.
- b. Describe your particular financial situation and need (you do not need to submit a FAFSA form, just describe your/your family's situation).
- c. Include how this scholarship will help you achieve your goals.

I have not misstated, misrepresented, or omitted any information required in this application. I understand that failure to represent the truth in this application is grounds for disqualification. There is no appeal process.

I understand and agree to AAUW public relations activities, such as my picture receiving this award in the local newspapers and on the branch website.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST. Please enclose:

- Completed Application form
- Proof of Burlington County residence
- Proof of enrollment in at least one undergraduate credit-bearing course per semester
- Copy of most recent college transcript regardless of age of transcript
- Proof of 3.0 Cumulative GPA if already enrolled
- Personal Essay (see application question 24)
- Letter of professional recommendation from someone other than a relative

Send all documents in one packet post-marked on or before March 31, 2016 to:

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Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.

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**American Association of University Women
Scholarship Letter of Recommendation
2016-2017**

Each AAUW Medford Area branch scholarship applicant is required to have one professional recommendation (from someone other than a relative) as part of her scholarship application. This recommendation consists of 1) a completed and signed recommendation form, and 2) A Letter of Recommendation written on Letterhead.

_____ is requesting that you serve as a recommendation for her scholarship application. Would you please complete the recommendation form below, **AND** attach a Letter of Recommendation explaining why you believe this student is a good candidate for this scholarship opportunity.

Please return to student in a sealed envelope with your name written across the seal.

Application deadline is March 31, 2016

Thank you.



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Student's name:

Recommender's name and position:

Office phone number:

How long have you known the student?

How do you know the student?

Please rate the student:

| | Poor | Average | Good | Exceptional |
|------------------------|------|---------|------|-------------|
| Initiative | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Motivation | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Reliability | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Creativity | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Intellectual abilities | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Leadership | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Communication skills | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Please also attach a Letter of Recommendation explaining why you believe this student is a good candidate for this scholarship opportunity. Please speak to this candidate's character, qualities, and career aspirations and include your name, title, address, phone number, and your relationship to the applicant.

Thank you.