



Iowa Business and Professional Women's Foundation 2021-2022 Educational Scholarship Program

Overview and important information for financial aid offices and applicants

BPW/USA, the National Federation of Business and Professional Women was founded in 1919 and is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian, self-governing and member-supported organization. The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club merged with the BPW/USA Foundation July 1, 2009.

The Iowa BPW Federation was founded in 1920. The Iowa BPW Foundation was established in 1988 for charitable, educational and scientific purposes. Since that time, the Educational Scholarship Committee has awarded numerous scholarships to deserving women and men in order to help them continue their higher education.

The Iowa Business and Professional Women Foundation works to:

- Promote charitable, educational, and scientific purposes.
- Establish, maintain and distribute scholarships.
- Give financial aid to schools, colleges, and other institutions of education.
- Conduct research and surveys.
- Provide lectures and seminars.

Three \$1000.00 scholarships will be awarded for 2021-2022 academic year.

Requirements

The applicant must be a non-traditional student who:

- Is a resident of Iowa. Attending a school outside Iowa does not negate residency. If the applicant was a resident of Iowa prior to attending school or if her (his) parents are residents, this will constitute residency. An active non-resident member of a BPW/Iowa local organization may also apply provided she/he has been a member for five (5) years. Active means attends local & state meetings; participates in projects.
- Is a United States citizen.
- Wants/needs to reenter the workforce but needs additional education.
- Graduated high school five (5) or more years ago (2015 or before) and now wants to start or resume a college education.
- Demonstrates financial need, scholastic ability, leadership skills and career goals.
- The limit of the scholarship awards is two (2) years

The applicant does **not** need to be a member of Business and Professional Women of Iowa (BPW/Iowa).

Scholarships will be available to those who apply and meet the following criteria:

- Complete the formal application in its entirety by April 21, 2021. Forms available at: <https://www.bpw-iowa.org/bpw-iowa-foundation-scholarship>
- Submit a copy of official transcripts* from an accredited institution of higher learning. (Transcripts if stamped "Issued to Student" are acceptable.)
- Submit three (3) letters of reference* on letterhead, from non-family members, i.e. employer, teacher, community leader, pastor/priest, who can attest to applicant's character and need for this scholarship.
- **Application Submission Deadline APRIL 21, 2021.**

Recipients will be notified in early April, and the awards will be granted Saturday May 15, 2021. Checks will be mailed directly to the educational facility that the recipient will be attending.

DEADLINE: Applications must be **emailed or postmarked and mailed by APRIL 21, 2021** to the Educational Scholarship Committee Chair to be considered for this year's scholarship awards.

***Mail or email complete application and supporting documents (application, transcript & letters of recommendation) to:**

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