

# Business and Professional Women of Iowa Foundation Educational Scholarship Program

**BPW/USA**, the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs 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 Federation was founded in 1920.

The BPW/USA Foundation was established in 1965 to promote equity for working women nationwide through education, research and training. Its Career Advancement Scholarship Program was established in 1969 in order to assist women seeking the education necessary for entry or re-entry into the workforce or advancement within a career field.

The BPW/Iowa 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.

## Requirements

Applicant is to 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 (2012 or before) and now wants to start or resume a college education.
- Demonstrates financial need, scholastic ability, leadership skills and career goals.

## Application Submission Deadline MARCH 1, 2017

Forms available at: <http://www.bpw-iowa.org/>

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

- Complete the formal application in its entirety by March 1, 2017.
- Submit a copy of official transcripts from an accredited institution of higher learning. (Transcripts if stamped "Issued to Student" are acceptable.)
- Provide three (3) letters of reference on letterhead, from non-family members--an **employer, a teacher, and a community leader** who can attest to applicant's character and need for this scholarship.

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

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