

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA
for the
AAUW Elmira-Corning Branch

The American Association of University Women was founded in 1882 for the purpose of "uniting of the alumnae of different institutions for practical educational work." In accordance with the goal of working for broader opportunities for women, the Elmira-Corning Branch of the Association offers annual scholarships of varying amounts to women pursuing an associate or bachelor degree at an accredited college or university.

The Elmira-Corning branch of AAUW is proud to offer Return to Learning scholarships to mature women who are working toward an associate or bachelor's degree. Scholarship amounts are determined by the success of our fund raising projects and have ranged from \$500 - \$2,000 in previous years. The Return to Learning Scholarship offers our moral and financial support to women who are well along in their studies in their quest to develop and improve their careers.

The Zelda Sadinsky Scholarship is a memorial to a branch member who let our support make a significant impact in her life. First awarded in 2005, this scholarship is supported with funds from the Sadinsky family and branch members.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

To be eligible an applicant must be:

1. At least 24 years of age and continuing their education after a significant interruption.
2. A U.S. citizen or authorized immigrant¹, currently residing in Chemung or Steuben County, New York.
3. Applicant must be registered in an undergraduate program for a new career or furthering an existing career. The course(s) must be taken at an accredited 2 year or 4 year college. No preference will be given to either full or part-time students.
4. Applicant must be currently enrolled in a minimum of six (6) credit hours at the undergraduate level in an accredited college.
5. Applicant must have plans to further their education at the next level if they are within one semester of graduation.
6. Applicant must explain her personal goals and commitment to her studies through the written application.

¹ Immigrant with documentation for legal residency in U.S.

7. Applicant will include an essay: considerable weight will be given to the applicant's ability to convey creative ideas through a well-organized, clear and thoughtful essay dealing with some aspect of her field of study. The essay must be typed, double-spaced and include her name on each page. Preference is given to an essay that is written especially for this application rather than previously written class paper. The essay should demonstrate knowledge of the applicants field of study and should blend personal insight with the discussion of how this study will achieve her long term goals. It should also demonstrate a commitment to community service, academic/career goals; describe how applicant meets that above criteria, and how the scholarship will contribute to enabling her pursuit in a career.

8. Applications must be received no later than **April 22, 2013**. Mail application to: Liz Walton, 525 Pinewoods Circle, Elmira, NY 14905 .

9. Interviews will be scheduled during the month May.

10. Award notification will be made by **June 7, 2013**.

Awards are based on financial need and projection of success in reaching the applicant's academic goal.

CHECK SHEET FOR APPLICANTS OF AAUW SCHOLARSHIP

___ Transcript

___ Three letters of reference.

___ Essay

___ Applicant has verified all financial information

___ Applicant has double checked that all questions have been answered.

Signature _____ Date _____

FOR AAUW USE

Date received _____

Date of interview _____

Date of letter _____

AAUW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS APPLICATION. BLANK LINES WILL AFFECT CONSIDERATION.

The deadline for receipt of this application is **April 22, 2013**.

Name _____ Age _____

Street _____ PO Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail address

Part I

Name of college where enrolled this semester _____

Name of college where you will be enrolled for the fall semester _____

State the name of your accredited degree program? _____

What degree do you expect to receive? A.S. _____ A.A.S. _____ B.S. _____ B.A. _____

What is your declared Major (if applicable)? _____

If you are enrolled full time what year _____ (1,2,3,4) are you in?

If you are enrolled part time, how many credits do you have now? _____

How many credits are you taking this semester? _____

How many credits are required for the degree you seek? _____

When do you expect to graduate? Date: _____

If you graduate this semester or next, are you transferring to another college? _____

Name of college _____ Have you been accepted? _____

What degree do you expect to receive? _____ When do you expect to graduate? _____

****REQUIRED** PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPT (IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR IT TO BE CERTIFIED).**

****REQUIRED**** REFERENCES: **Please obtain three (3) personal letters of reference (select from employers, community leaders, counselors, professors, etc. who can attest to your your character and ability to achieve your goals. **Attach the reference letters to this application.****

List their names and complete addresses and telephone numbers below. Please do not leave blank.

1) Name
Address
City
Telephone

2) Name
Address
City
Telephone

3) Name
Address
City
Telephone

Part II

Please list work experience, including place and dates of employment, or attach a current resume.

Write an essay (typed, doubled spaced) using the required criteria #7 on page 1 as your guideline. Attach to this application.

Part III

Please verify for yourself and then itemize your expenses and resources for the academic year 2012-2013 for the college of your choice.

****REQUIRED**** PLEASE FILL IN DOLLAR AMOUNTS FOR EVERY LINE

EXPENSES

INCOME

Tuition _____

Personal Contributions _____
(your financial contribution to education cost)

Room and board at college
(if you live on campus)

Scholarships _____
(amount received or expected and date)

Books & Supplies _____

Pell _____

Transportation for school _____

Tap _____

Child Care _____

APTS _____

Misc. (describe) _____

Loans (subsidized) _____

Loans (unsubsidized) _____

Work study _____

TOTAL _____

TOTAL _____

Part IV

Applicant's Income	Total 2012	Estimated Total 2013
Salary/Wage before taxes	_____	_____
Non-taxable Income	_____	_____
Spouse's Income before taxes	_____	_____

Do you file income taxes: jointly with a spouse _____
as a single tax payer _____

Are you an independent adult who is **NOT** listed as a dependent on the tax return of a spouse, parent, or guardian? _____Y _____N

Part V

Accumulated Unpaid Educational Debt associated with the degree sought? _____

Dependents: List all persons who will be listed as dependents on your income tax return this year, e.g. children and age, dependent spouse.

Are there extenuating circumstances in your home that directly affect your family's income or resources? If yes, please explain below.

If awarded an AAUW Scholarship, what will the money be used for?

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED ON ALL PARTS OF THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date:** _____