



Scholarship Information

About the Scholarship

To encourage and promote the professional development and higher education of women in our service area, individuals in their junior or senior year of baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate programs may be eligible for a scholarship from the Columbus, Georgia chapter of Network for Professional and Executive Women (NPEW). Both members and non-members are eligible to compete for this award.

How it Works

NPEW will send a \$1,000 cash scholarship directly to the accredited college or university of the recipient's choice. Funds will be distributed as billed by the college or university each academic term for program-related expenses such as tuition, books, lab fees, and the like. Funds will be set aside for the recipient for 24 months following the date of written notice of the award. If the recipient does not exercise her right to access these funds within that time frame, the scholarship shall be forfeited.

Requirements

The recipient...

- must indicate a need to continue her education for professional advancement by citing clear and attainable career goals;
- shall be required to enroll in a minimum of six (6) semester hours in two of three semesters or equivalent;
- must have achieved a minimum 2.75 GPA for prior academic work;
- the minimum GPA must be maintained for the duration of the scholarship and recipient must agree to furnish the NPEW Treasurer with documentation to assure compliance;
- must be a permanent resident of the greater Columbus, Georgia area but may attend any college or university;
- must demonstrate leadership to the community at the civic, social, and/or professional level;
- may be asked to participate in a panel interview by the NPEW scholarship committee;
- must submit at least three (3) letters of recommendation, one of which may be from an NPEW member
- must print and submit her completed application packet by **April 15**.

Selection

Preliminary Application Review: If four (4) or fewer applications are received, all applicants will compete without elimination. If more than four (4) applications are received, the NPEW scholarship committee will review them and select no more than six (6) finalists to compete.

Final Application Review: A panel of NPEW board members will review and score the qualified applications and select the recipient based on: education and career goals, academic records, and leadership activities/abilities. While financial need will be considered, it is not a major factor in the scoring process. A member of the NPEW scholarship committee will be present at the interviews and during the selection of the final recipient. This individual will observe and answer questions about the scholarship but will not vote unless a tie-breaker is needed.



Scholarship Application

Due to the fact that this application requires a Social Security Number for access to the recipient's account at her college of choice, online applications will not be accepted. Instead, it must be printed and submitted to the Columbus, Georgia chapter of Network for Professional and Executive Women. Thanks for your cooperation.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Age: _____ Number of Dependents: _____

Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Previous College(s)* Attended:

Name: _____

City/State: _____ CGPA** _____ Dates Attended (range) _____

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Extracurricular Activities and/or Awards:

Civic Leadership:

Institution you plan to attend (or continue): _____

Admission Test Score: _____ Admission Status: _____

Are you currently receiving other scholarship funds and/or financial aid? _____ If yes, please explain and provide status: _____

Before submitting, please:

- (1) attach a brief (100 words or less) essay on how you define leadership and how you see yourself in that role,
- (2) provide three references (one of which may be an NPEW member) with this completed application and
- (3 – if applicable) *provide a transcript(s) from previously-attended institutions and
- (4) submit entire packet by **April 15**.

**CCGPA = Cumulative Grade Point Average