



Schenectady Business & Professional Women's Club, Inc.

2017 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Schenectady Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc. ("BPW") is a not-for-profit organization and was founded in 1927. Our 58 member strong organization seeks to empower women in Schenectady County and to encourage them to pursue a higher education by providing financial assistance through academic scholarships. We also work to stimulate interest in issues that affect women, encourage social awareness, embrace cultural diversity, and promote the general welfare of the community through community service.

In furtherance of our mission, BPW is offering financial scholarships for women residing in Schenectady County for the 2017 academic year. The number of scholarships and the value of each award varies from year to year; however, scholarships typically range from \$500 to \$2,000. The scholarships available include: 1) The Catherine H. Raycroft Award – up to \$2,000 and open to women over the age of 25 who are returning to school; and 2) The Aldona Vaitulis Memorial Scholarship – up to \$1,500 and open to high school girls entering college.

AWARD CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated and scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

- Applicants must be female and reside in Schenectady County;
- Applicants must demonstrate clear career plans, and a scheduled time frame in which you expect to achieve your educational goals;
- Applicants must strive to attain a GPA of 3.0 or higher; and
- Applicants must be officially accepted into an accredited degree program at a community college or university that will result in an Associates, Bachelor's, or Master's degree or be officially accepted into an accredited certificate program at a school or training facility. (Note: The scholarship cannot be used toward a doctoral-level degree, such as Ph.D, MD, DDS, DVM, JD, etc.)

Note – The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of merit (including academics, employment and/or volunteer work); however, financial need will be taken into consideration when all other factors are equal among applicants.

AWARD NOTIFICATION

BPW will notify all scholarship award recipients by telephone no later than Monday, May 23, 2017. All other applicants will be notified in writing shortly thereafter.

PAYMENT OF AWARD

The award will be given at the Awards Dinner which will be held at the Glen Sander's Mansion, Scotia, New York.

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION

All applications and letters of recommendations must be postmarked on or before Monday, April 24, 2017.

*****Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered*****