

Women and Girls New Hope TRADES Scholarship

Established to help women achieve their educational goals

Scholarship Application Guidelines

Purpose

To encourage and support women seeking a second chance at a better life through education by assisting in the elimination of the financial barrier of tuition.

The New Hope Trades Scholarship Fund will support the personal growth of women as they pursue secondary education and/or certification in the trades.

Scholarship Award

\$1,000

Overview

Seeking a mature candidate who found herself in a circumstance that meant she had to drop out of or could not attend a post-secondary educational institution (college/technical college). The candidate is currently ready, willing and able to attend a post-secondary educational institution but cannot afford the tuition. She recognizes that post-secondary education is a vital step and will allow her the opportunity for personal and professional growth and stability for her and her dependents. She is ambitious, pragmatic and goal oriented.

Selection Criteria

- Clear articulation of education goals and strong commitment to learning.
- Awareness of the importance of women's leadership.
- Embodiment of the spirit of the New Hope Trades Scholarship to provide women seeking a second chance at a better life through education.

Applicant Requirements

The applicant **must** meet all the following requirements:

Please note: If you have already earned a degree or certification, you are not eligible to apply for the New Hope Trades Scholarship

- Must be a female *non-traditional student
 - * Non-traditional student: 25 years or older pursuing post secondary education for the first time or re-entering school
- Must be a single or legally divorced parent or guardian to a child(ren) or caregiver to a sick family member or elderly parent(s)
- Must be a resident of Waukesha County
- Must work full or part-time and is considered financially independent for purposes of determining eligibility for financial aid
- Must have been accepted to a post-secondary educational institution
- Must pursue a skilled trade or technical degree, certification or vocational training
- Must carry a minimum of 9 credits per semester

Scholarship Distribution

- \$1,000 scholarship (*not to exceed cost of tuition, textbooks and fees*) available to the recipient upon verification of enrollment
 - Recipient must provide proof of enrollment and tuition statement
 - The scholarship will be paid directly to school to cover tuition, textbooks and fees
 - Distribution can be taken over multiple semesters. Must maintain a 2.8 GPA in first semester to qualify for subsequent disbursements.

How to Apply

- Please submit the application packet to the Women and Girls Fund office by **12 pm NOON on Wednesday, April 17, 2019** (***late or incomplete applications are disqualified***). If the application is emailed, it must be date/time stamped by 12 pm NOON on Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

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- ***The following must be included in application packet:***

- New Hope Trades Scholarship Application Form - *Signed*
- Letter of acceptance from school
- Tuition statement
- Transcripts (*if applicable*)
- Personal background and educational goals statement
- Community service information
- Two recommendations (completed recommendation forms with signature) from faculty/staff members, employer, supervisor, or community organization. *E-mailed recommendations must be sent to the Women and Girls Fund directly from the recommender.*

Scholarship Notification

Applicants will be notified in May 2019 regarding scholarship award. Scholarship payments will be made directly to the school for summer or fall 2019 enrollment.