2013 Merit Scholarship Program

The mission of the Women’s Business Council is to provide a networking forum that facilitates information exchange, educational experiences, and professional support. In addition, we act as positive role models for women in our community.

The Scholarship Opportunity

The WBC scholarship recognizes adult learners who wish to attend a higher education institution and who have graduated from high school at least one year ago. These women have demonstrated academic ability and a commitment to learning, achievement, and community service. The scholarship assists women in their pursuit of higher education and their desire to assist other young women in reaching their full leadership potential after post-secondary graduation.

Life Long Learner: Female Student Scholarship General Criteria

The recipient of the scholarship must:

- Be an employee or a spouse/domestic partner of a business or organization that is a current member of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce. Chamber staff, WBC Board members, and the scholarship selection committee are ineligible.*
- Provide a recommendation letter from her (or spouse/domestic partner) employer
- Have demonstrated community service
- Will be attending an accredited post-secondary educational program during the following academic year

How to Apply

Complete all requested information on the application form. You need not be accepted at a school before applying for the scholarship. Submit the application with your recommendation letter from your employer to the Chamber’s Allentown office (address below). Applications must be submitted by April 2, 2013. Final evaluation may involve an in-person interview with the scholarship selection committee. The scholarship will be announced in May, 2013.
2013 Scholarship Application

Please complete all information on the form and obtain all required signatures. Return the application to the Chamber’s Allentown office. All information is confidential.

**Applicant Information**

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**Employer Information**

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I have:

- [ ] Been accepted by (name(s) of institution): ______________________
  (Please include copy of acceptance letter with this application)
- [ ] Been placed on a waiting list by (name(s) of institution): ______________________
- [ ] Not heard at this time from (name(s) of institution): ______________________

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Women’s Business Council
840 Hamilton Street, Ste. 205 Allentown, PA 18101
(484) 226-0128 Fax (610) 437-4907
Community Activities
Please list all activities, awards, honors, clubs, organizations and special recognition earned through employment and/or other community service activities.

Community
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

Employment
____________________________________________________________________________
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Personal References – Excluding family and employer (2)

1. Name________________________________________
   Telephone ___________________ Evening ____________
   How do you know the applicant?
   ________________________________________________

Please provide your personal comments about this student.
____________________________________________________________________________
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2. Signature: ________________________________
   Position: ________________________________

Certificate and Authorization
I/we declare the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge.
I/we certify that we are employed by an active member of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Applicant’s Signature: ________________________________ Date: __________
Parent/Guardian Signature: ________________________________ Date: __________
Chamber of Commerce Member: ____________________________ Date: __________
Signature ________________________________
Printed ________________________________
Title ________________________________
**Essay**

Please explain how you plan to assist other young women in reaching their full leadership potential and how you will improve the quality of life in your community following graduation from a post-secondary institution. Please use additional paper if necessary.