



GFWC Women's Club of South County 2010 Scholarships

PURPOSE

The GFWC Women's Club of South County, founded in 1962, provides a forum for the individual woman to share expression and address issues of concern to the community. In 1997, the Club established a Scholarship Fund to be used to support continuing education among women with limited financial or educational opportunities. The Rhode Island Foundation manages the Scholarship Fund as a permanent endowment. This assures perpetual support of the idea that women in the Club are committed to helping women throughout Washington County who are working to achieve their education and vocational goals.

In 2009, **The Margaret Louise Fassino Smith Scholarship** was established through the generosity of the Fassino Family Foundation. Louise Smith, one of the founding members of the GFWC Women's Club of South County, passed away in December 2008. She was an enthusiastic supporter of the Scholarship program, and her family has chosen to honor her memory by awarding a Scholarship in her name. The Margaret Louise Fassino Smith Scholarship is awarded on an annual basis in addition to the GFWC Women's Club of South County Scholarship.

The GFWC Women's Club of South County Scholarships are need-based awards for women living in Washington County which provide direct support of course fees/tuition assistance and/or assistance with support services so long as such services are directly linked to the achievement of the described educational goals. Preference will be given to highly motivated, low-income single women with children who need further education or training to become self-supporting. The awards are distributed to the educational institution.

AWARDS

- **GFWC Women's Club of South County Scholarship:** scholarship amounts will vary, and multiple awards may be given annually; May be renewable.
- **The Margaret Louise Fassino Smith Scholarship:** one scholarship of \$5000 given annually; May or may not be renewable.

SELECTION CRITERIA

In order to qualify as an applicant, you must meet the following criteria:

- Able to demonstrate financial need
- Be a resident of Washington County
- Be a woman age 21 or older
- Be enrolled or registered in an educational or job skills training program and working toward your first degree (associate or bachelors) or certificate.

A COMPLETE APPLICATION INCLUDES:

1. Completed application form
2. One essay
3. Most recent official transcript
4. One letter of recommendation
5. Financial aid award letter, if applicable
6. Copy of final Student Aid Report, if applicable

Please mail your application and all required materials in ONE envelope by June 1, 2010 to:

GFWC Women's Club of South County Scholarships
P. O. Box 5684
Wakefield, RI 02880



GFWC Women's Club of South County 2010 Scholarship Application

A. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____
last/first/middle initial *gender*

Permanent Address: _____
street

city/state/zip

Birth Date: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____
month/day/year

DEPENDENT STUDENTS:

Parent, stepparent or guardian A: _____
name *age* *state of legal residence*

Parent, stepparent or guardian B: _____
name *age* *state of legal residence*

INDEPENDENT STUDENTS:

Spouse: _____
name *age* *state of legal residence*

B. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Please attach an official copy of your most recent transcript.

Post-secondary institution for which aid is requested: _____

In fall 2010 I will be a: _____ Freshman / Sophomore / Junior / Senior (*circle one*)

Expected graduation date: _____ Are you: Accepted / Enrolled / Awaiting a decision (*circle one*)

Enrollment status: Full-time / Part-time (*circle one*)

Housing status: On campus / Off campus / At home with family (*circle one*)

Intended field of study: _____

Degree sought: _____

High school attended: _____
name & address _____ graduation year _____

I am requesting \$ _____ from the GFWC Women's Club of South County.

C. STUDENT ACTIVITIES/WORK EXPERIENCE

Please attach a resume or a list of activities that you participate in including positions held, dates of participation, estimated time spent on each activity and any special honors received.

D. ESSAYS

Please write a brief but complete statement explaining: 1) your reasons for returning to school, 2) how you chose your intended career/job training, 3) how this scholarship can help you achieve your goals, and 4) specifically how the money will be used. (500 word limit)

E. FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Please attach the following documents (if applicable):

1) A copy of your financial aid award letter from the college or institute of higher education you will be attending (if you are undecided, please send award letters from your top two choices).

2) A copy of your final Student Aid Report (SAR) -- not the application you submitted, but the returned report from the U.S. Dept. of Education.

Cost of education per year:

EXPENSES	Amount	Total
Tuition and Fees	\$ _____	
Room and Board	\$ _____	
Books and Supplies	\$ _____	
Transportation	\$ _____	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ _____ A

INCOME

Name of Grant or Scholarship

Federal, State, and Other Awards (list loans and work study in Loan section) _____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

College Grants and Scholarships (list loans and work study in Loan section below) _____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

TOTAL GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS \$ _____ B

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from Student Aid Report \$ _____ C

TOTAL INCOME (Item B plus Item C) \$ _____ D

Financial Need (Item A minus Item D) \$ _____ E

LOANS AND WORK STUDY

Name of Source

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

TOTAL LOANS AND WORK STUDY \$ _____

INCOME AND ASSET DATA

I am classified as **Independent**

If you are independent, information about you and your spouse (if applicable) must be included. Figures should be taken from your most recent U.S. Income Tax Return.

	Independent Student	Spouse
Adjusted gross income (annual, from U.S. income tax return)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total U.S. income tax paid	\$ _____	\$ _____
Income earned	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other income and benefits (Social Security, Family Independence Program, disability, child support)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Cash, savings, bonds, stocks, checking accounts, certificates of deposit (CDs), etc. (DO NOT LIST IRAs or pension accounts)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Net value of real estate holdings not used as primary residence	\$ _____	\$ _____

Total number family members _____ Total number dependents _____

Marital status: Married _____ Single _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____

List all family members supported at least half-time by parents. Do NOT include yourself.

<i>name/age</i>	<i>school/tuition</i>	<i>relationship to the applicant</i>
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F. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Special circumstances: Do you have any unusual personal, financial or family circumstances that warrant special attention by the selection committee? Please be specific. (You may add one additional page, 300 word limit.)

How did you hear about this award? _____

Have you applied for any other scholarships?

Yes No Name of scholarship: _____

This award is for women who fit into one or more of the categories listed below. Please check the item or items most appropriate to your situation:

- Displaced homemaker or single mother wanting to further her education
- Woman needing skills to re-enter the job market
- Woman seeking skills to improve her job status
- Woman seeking assistance with support services so she can pursue her career goals

G. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES

I, (we) certify that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my (our) knowledge. If asked by any authorized official of GFWC, I (we) agree to give documentation for information given on this form. I (we) realize that failure to comply with a request for additional information may prevent the applicant from receiving any aid. I also grant permission to GFWC to use my photograph and/or selected quotes on its websites and in future publications.

Applicant's signature

date

Send completed application and all required attachments
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