



GFWC Women's Club of South County Scholarship

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. In late 1999, the Club made plans to permanently endow the Fund and in 2000 established the Fund at The Rhode Island Foundation as a committee-advised fund. 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 educational and vocational goals.

The GFWC Women's Club of South County Scholarship provides annual award(s) to women living in Washington County who need financial assistance in order to pursue education or job training. The awards shall be made for direct support of course fees/tuition assistance and/or for 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. Previous winners may reapply for this award.

AWARDS

One or two scholarships of approximately \$1,000 will be given annually. Awards are made upon proof of enrollment and payments are sent directly to the institution for which aid is requested, not to scholarship recipients.

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 women age 25 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.

The deadline for scholarship application submission is June 1, 2007.

Applications are available by calling Libby Monahan at The Rhode Island Foundation at (401) 274-4564, or by emailing your request to libbym@rifoundation.org. Applications will also be available on the Foundation's website beginning in April at www.rifoundation.org by following the links to Receive/Scholarships/The RIF Scholarship Directory/and searching using the keyword GFWC.