



GFWC Women's Club of South County 2011 Scholarships

Purpose

The GFWC Women's Club of South County, founded in 1962, provides a forum for women to discuss and address issues of concern to the community. In 1997, the Club established a Scholarship Fund 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 the GFWC Club is committed to helping Washington County women achieve their educational and career 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 along with the GFWC Women's Club of South County Scholarships.

All scholarships awarded by the Women's Club of South County are for the direct support of tuition and course fees and/or assistance with support services, so long as, such services are directly linked to the achievement of the recipient's described educational goals. *Preference is 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.

Scholarships Awarded

- GFWC Women's Club of South County Scholarship
 - Scholarship amounts vary
 - Multiple awards may be given annually
 - Award may be renewed

- The Margaret Louise Fassino Smith Scholarship
 - One \$5,000 scholarship awarded annually
 - Award may be renewed

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify as an applicant, you **must** meet all of the following criteria:

- Have documented financial need
- Be a resident of Washington County
- Be a woman age 21 or older
- Be enrolled or registered in an educational and/or career training program and working toward your first degree (associate or bachelors) or certificate.

Application Components

1. Completed application form
2. Essay
3. Most recent official college transcript (if applicable)
4. Letter of recommendation
5. Financial aid award letter (if applicable)
6. Copy of final Student Aid Report (if applicable)

Mail your completed application and all required materials in one envelope by June 1, 2011 to:

**GFWC Women's Club of South County Scholarships
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