



MASSACHUSETTS FEDERATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

BPW FOUNDATION EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT

Founded in 1921, the Massachusetts Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (BPW/MA) is a non-profit and non-partisan organization composed of a network of nine Local Organizations. Our members work together to build women politically, professionally, and personally.

BPW/MA is pleased to announce that an Educational Scholarship for Career Advancement will be awarded in Massachusetts for the Spring, 2012 academic term to provide financial assistance to a qualified woman seeking to further her education. This scholarship will be provided to a woman, 25 years of age or older, who wishes to advance in her career or is soon to enter or re-enter the workforce. The scholarship offer is made to support a woman at a crucial point in her life and to enable her to help herself. The scholarship will be in the amount of at least \$1,000.

The application deadline is November 8, 2011 and will be based on postmark. Semifinalists may be asked to attend a short interview. The scholarship recipient will be notified by December 31, 2011.

Application forms can be found at the BPW/MA website (www.bpwma.org) or the BPW/MA Facebook page (Massachusetts BPW).

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Must be female
- Must be at least 25 years of age by November 8, 2011
- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be pursuing a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in the fields of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM), or related field.
- Must be within two years of completing degree
- Must demonstrate clear career plans and a scheduled time frame in which you expect to achieve your education goals
- Must be available to attend a personal interview with the BPW/MA Scholarship Committee at a location to be scheduled between November 12 and November 28, 2011
- Must demonstrate financial need

Further information:

- There is no fee to apply for the Educational Scholarship for Career Advancement.
- You do not need to be a member of BPW/MA and there will be no preference given to BPW/MA members when awarding the scholarship.
- You may attend school either part-time or full-time under the scholarship.
- The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of merit and demonstration of clear intent; however, financial need will be taken into consideration when all other factors are equal between applicants.