



2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD NOTICE

Council for Working Women (CWW) of the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry has scholarships available for 2017. The Council for Working Women established the scholarship fund to assist **working or recently unemployed women** who are training to: re-enter the workforce; increase skills for employment; or begin a new career. The scholarship money will help recipients further their post-secondary education at local vocational/trade schools, accredited colleges or universities.

The Scholarship Fund is supported by fundraising and contributions from members of the Council for Working Woman. The application deadline is June 16, 2017. Scholarship recipients will be notified by July 10, 2017. Scholarship funds will be applied to the upcoming semester for the 2017-2018 academic year (classes must begin after July 1). Scholarship funds may be applied to tuition, books, or fees and will be mailed directly to your educational institution. Scholarships will range from \$1,000 - \$2,000.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicant must be female, be a U.S. citizen, be a high school graduate or have her GED.
- Applicant must live, work, or attend school in Will County.
- Applicant must be currently employed or re-entering the workforce.
- Applicants must have a total of two letters of recommendation. Each letter must be from two different categories choosing from the following list: instructor, employer, community service professional, a member of the CWW, or any other member of the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce.
- Applicant must be registered in an accredited post-secondary educational program in a vocational/trade school, college or university.
- Prior applicants and award recipients are eligible to re-apply.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE TO BE CONSIDERED.

Scholarship applications may be obtained from the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce, local Colleges or Universities or a member of the Council for Working Women. Applications may also be obtained on-line at www.jolietchamber.com.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 16, 2017

For additional information, contact Scholarship Committee Chair: Debbie Dudek (815-729-3570) or the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce Office (815-727-5371).

Mail completed applications to:

Kelly Baltas
Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce
63 North Chicago Street
Joliet, IL 60432

Or email: kbaltas@jolietchamber.com



COUNCIL FOR WORKING WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKAGE

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Completed scholarship application, including signed waiver of confidentiality form.
- A one to two (1-2) page essay on the importance of this scholarship to you. Include why you are motivated to continue your education, and how you can make a contribution to other women and your community, as a result of furthering your education. Include information on your current participation in community organizations and/or activities.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation. Each letter must be from two different categories choosing from the following list: instructor, employer, community service professional, a member of the CWW, or any other member of the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce.
- Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and/or institutions attended to date. (*if applicable*)

PLEASE NOTE: To be considered for this scholarship, the application package must be completed in its entirety and received by June 17, 2016.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (home) _____ (work) _____ EMAIL _____

EMPLOYER _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

POSITION _____ -- Full Time _____ / Part Time _____

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION (classes must begin after July 1, 2017):

School _____ Program of Study _____

Total hours completed _____ GPA _____ Scale _____ Anticipated date of completion/graduation _____

Cost per credit hour \$ _____ Approx. Cost of books \$ _____ Cost of fees \$ _____

Total number of credit hours enrolled: _____

List high school and post-secondary education experiences:

School	Program of Study	Certificate/Degree/Diploma	Date

Please list the department the check should be sent to at your school if you receive the scholarship:

I certify that all of the information set forth herein and in the attachments is correct to the best of my knowledge:

Signature

Date



**WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY,
RELEASE OF INFORMATION, & ATTESTATION**

If I am awarded a Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce & Industry Council for Working Women Scholarship (hereinafter "CWW Scholarship") I hereby give permission to have my name and photo released to the public as a scholarship winner along with the name of the educational institution I am/will be attending.

I hereby authorize the Financial Aid Office of the educational institution I am/will be attending to release all information relating to my financial assistance to any member of the Council for Working Women Scholarship Committee to be used in connection with my application for a CWW Scholarship.

I attest to the accuracy of the information I have provided on my application for a CWW Scholarship. I understand that if selected as a scholarship recipient, any misrepresentation of information or false documentation will result in automatic forfeiture of the scholarship.

Applicant's signature

Date