



ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The West Side Women In Action scholarship program provides financial assistance to one or more individuals selected from a group of eligible applicants. Applications considered on the basis of demonstrated scholastic and/or professional merit, community involvement and stated goals and career objectives.

Mission Statement

The West Side Women In Action is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire, promote and educate local professional women in business and those who want to develop a business or career. Our annual conference is designed to help local women build leadership skills, expand networking opportunities and grow successful businesses.

Qualifications for Applicants

- The applicant must have a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent.
- The applicant must be continuing their education in an accredited educational institution, vocational school or certification program. Scholarship is not limited to the pursuit of a degree, but rather applies to any type of continuing education or certification.
- The criteria for scholarship selection will be based on varying degrees of the following: academics, community involvement, stated goals, personal and career objectives, and understanding and interpretation of the WSWIA mission statement.
- Course must be complete by December 31, 2012. The applicant does **not** have to be currently enrolled when applying for the scholarship. Scholarship payment will be made on a reimbursement basis upon receipt of documentation showing completion of the course.

The amount of the scholarships will vary based upon the stated criteria and funds available.

Application Deadline: September 19th, 2011

Return Application to: Mail to PO Box 11, Patterson CA 95363.

To hand-deliver or for more information contact Linda Murdock 209-613-7900 or Jeanne Phillips 209-837-4789.

Selection Process

The Scholarship Committee will review all applications received or postmarked on or before September 19th, 2011. All applications must be completed by the postmarked date.



The Scholarship Committee may interview finalists. One or more of the scholarships may be recommended to the Board of Directors of West Side Women In Action. The committee and the Board reserve the right to not award any scholarship, if appropriate, and carry forward the funds to be awarded in the future.

Privacy of the applicant's files, personal information, and committee recommendations will be strictly observed. These files will be maintained by the West Side Women In Action for a minimum of two years and then destroyed. The applicant may also have the files returned upon request.

Applicants can apply for the West Side Women In Action scholarship more than once. However, applicants can only be awarded the West Side Women In Action scholarship twice in their academic career.

Winner(s) will be asked to attend the October 2011 conference if possible, to receive their awards in person.

Winner(s) may be contacted by West Side Women in Action within one year after the award for a follow-up interview, to be used in "success stories" to help publicize the scholarship to attract future applicants and donors.



**West Side Women In Action
2011
Scholarship Application
Cover Page**

Applicant's name: _____

Applicant's mailing address: _____

Applicant's e-mail: _____

Applicant's phone: _____

School presently attending (if applicable): _____

School the Applicant will be attending for use with this scholarship:



West Side Women In Action Scholarship Application Packet

West Side Women In Action will only consider applications that are complete and meet all the requirements specified in this application packet. In order for your application to be considered as complete, you must complete this page. Check off the below list and sign your name indicating that all the requirements are in your application packet, fully completed and in order of the check off list.

- Completed West Side Women In Action application
- Copy of most recent official transcript if applicable, or brief explanation as to why this is not available. It is understood that some applicants may not be able to fulfill this request.
- Proof of registration for the course or if not presently registered, provide information on the course(s) for which you plan to register.
- 3 original letters of reference in individual sealed envelopes.
References must be completed by 3 different individuals
 - 2 academic or professional references
 - 1 personal reference to reflect community involvement and/or leadership
- Print name on each page of application.

I _____, hereby state that all required information is included in my application packet and I have ensured that all copies of my application are in order as listed in the check off list above. I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this application is factual and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____

Date _____



Employment History

_____ Name

Current Employer: _____ Date of Hire: _____

Address: _____

Direct Supervisor: _____ Phone: _____

Position: _____ Total Hours Worked per Week: _____

Responsibilities: _____

Previous Work Experience:

Please list your work experience over the past five years listing the recent first. **A resume may be submitted in lieu of completing the table below.**

Position Held	Dates of Employment	Employer's Name	Responsibilities

Educational Background:

Please outline your post high school education, listing the recent first:

Educational Institution	Dates of Attendance (Approximately)	College Units (to date) if applicable	Degrees (if any, including dates earned)



Please outline any other type of coursework completed for personal or career development:

Educational or Business Institution	Dates of Attendance (Approximately)	Brief Course Description	Degrees or certificates (if any)

Additional information may be provided below or on a separate sheet.



Biography and Goals

_____ Name

Part I. Please provide a typed statement of your biography below. You may use a separate sheet(s) and attach.

The following must be included for the application to be considered complete:

1. Your personal goals and career objectives.
2. Why have you made these goal and career objectives?
3. Explain how this award money will be used to help you fund your education and goals.

Part II. Explain how your goals and career objectives align with mission of the West Side Women in Action (see below).

WSWIA Mission: "To inspire, promote and educate local professional women in business and those who want to develop a business or career. Our annual conference is designed to help local women build leadership skills, expand networking opportunities and grow successful businesses."



Academic or Professional Recommendation:

Applicant's Name: _____

Please complete the following recommendation for the above named and return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope.

- 4. How long have you known the applicant? _____ Years _____ Months
- 5. How do you know the applicant? On what criteria do you base your recommendation of the applicant?

- 6. Using the individuals with whom you are acquainted, please give your personal appraisal of the applicant with regard to the following (please check only one box in each row):

	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Below
	(Top 1%)	(Top 10%)	(Top 25%)	(Mid 50%)	Average
Intelligence					
Motivation					
Creativity					
Leadership					

- 7. Please comment on the exceptional scholastic or professional ability and accomplishments exhibited by the applicant. In addition, please assess their potential to succeed academically.

Note: If additional space is required, use the back side of this form or attach a separate sheet

Name: (please print) _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Employer: _____

Title: _____

Signature _____



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2. How do you know the applicant? On what criteria do you base your recommendation of the applicant?

3. Using the individuals with whom you are acquainted, please give your personal appraisal of the applicant with regard to the following (please check only one box in each row):

	Outstanding (Top 1%)	Excellent (Top 10%)	Good (Top 25%)	Average (Mid 50%)	Below Average
Intelligence					
Motivation					
Creativity					
Leadership					

4. Please comment on the exceptional scholastic or professional ability and accomplishments exhibited by the applicant. In addition, please assess their potential to succeed academically.

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Name: (please print) _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Employer: _____

Title: _____

Signature _____



Community/Leadership Recommendation

Applicant's Name: _____

Please complete the following recommendation for the above named and return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____ Years _____ Months
2. How do you know the applicant? On what criteria do you base your recommendation of the applicant?

3. Using the individuals with whom you are acquainted, please give your personal appraisal of the applicant with regard to the following (please check only one box in each row):

	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Below
	(Top 1%)	(Top 10%)	(Top 25%)	(Mid 50%)	Average
Intelligence					
Motivation					
Creativity					
Leadership					

4. Please comment on the community involvement and leadership action/habits exhibited by the applicant:

Note: If additional space is required, use the back side of this form or attach a separate sheet

Name (please print): _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Employer: _____

Title: _____

Signature _____