

Virginia Business and Professional Women's FoundationSM —

Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants



Nettie Tucker Yowell Scholarship

This scholarship is offered to a Virginia high school senior who is a U.S. citizen and has been accepted for enrollment as a freshman in a college or university located in Virginia for the fall semester, following graduation in June. At least one scholarship is awarded annually. While open to all students, the applicant must write how this award will support the mission of BPW. The application deadline is April 1. The minimum value of this scholarship is \$250.

Women in Science and Technology Scholarship

This scholarship is offered to women completing a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree within two years of the deadline who are majoring in actuarial science, biology, bio-engineering, chemistry, computer science, dentistry, engineering, mathematics, medicine, physics or similar field. The applicant must be 18 years of age or older, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Virginia, and accepted into an accredited program of study at a Virginia college or university. The award ranges from \$500 to \$1,000 for one year, based on financial need, and may be used for tuition, fees, books, transportation, living expenses, or dependent care. The application deadline is April 1.

Buena M. Chesshir Memorial Women's Educational Scholarship

This scholarship provides assistance for mature women returning to school to complete or enhance their education. Its purpose is to help women who are employed or seeking

employment; to increase the number of women qualified for higher-level positions; and to help women achieve economic self-sufficiency. It is offered to women 25 years of age or older who are U.S. citizens and residents of Virginia, have been accepted into an accredited program at a Virginia educational institution, and will be graduating within two years. The scholarship may not be used at the doctoral level, except for the study of law or medicine. The award ranges from \$100 to \$1,000 for one year, based on financial need, and may be used for tuition, fees, books, transportation, living expenses, or dependent care. The application deadline is April 1.



Louise Whitman Foreign Study Fellowship

The purpose of this fellowship is to send a businesswoman to a foreign country to study the business conditions there, with particular reference to the status of women. Applicants must be a member in good standing of BPW/VA for at least three years, be endorsed by the Local Organization to which dues are paid, and be willing to speak to BPW Local Organizations upon request for one year following her return and report at state convention. Applications are solicited when funds are available.

Karen B. Lewis Career Education Scholarship

This scholarship is offered to women pursuing post-secondary job-oriented career education, offering training in business, trade and industrial occupations. The applicant must be a citizen of the U.S., a resident of Virginia, and be accepted into an accredited training program in Virginia.

The award ranges from \$100 to \$1,000 for one year, based on financial need, and may be used for tuition, fees, books, transportation, living expenses, or dependent care. The application deadline is April 1.



Eunice V. Davis Grant Fund for Women Starting Small Businesses

This grant provides financial assistance to women starting small businesses and helps them achieve economic self-sufficiency. An applicant must be at least 21 years of age, a U. S. citizen and a resident of Virginia, a member of BPW/VA for at least one year, and a high school graduate. Applicants must be establishing a business in Virginia and submit a business plan as part of the application. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$3,000, and funds must be used for expenses associated with establishing the business. Grant applications will be solicited when funds are available. The application deadline is April 1.

Women Helping Girls with Choices/Reality StoreSM Grants

The purpose of this grant is to encourage Local Organizations in BPW/VA to develop and conduct "Women Helping Girls with Choices" programs. These programs are intended to help young women prepare for self-sufficient futures by increasing self-awareness, understanding choices, and developing decision-making skills. Projects may include: mentoring programs, small-group discussions, mother-daughter discussion groups, seminars, workshops and Reality StoresSM. Matching grants up to \$250 are available.

Forum/Special Program Grant

Matching funds up to \$250 are available for a BPW/VA Local Organization that plans to conduct a forum or special program that addresses one of the goals of the Foundation. Examples of such forums or special programs include legislative or candidate forums, seminars, individual development programs, BPW/USA developed programs, etc.



Scholarship House

The Scholarship House when built will provide free housing for eight to ten female students of a Virginia college or university, which will be selected once fundraising benchmarks are reached.



The **Virginia BPW FoundationSM** was established in 1984 by the members of the Virginia Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW/VA). The Foundation helps women obtain advanced education, furthers the study of women's issues, helps young people plan for self-sufficient futures, and helps women start new businesses. The Virginia BPW FoundationSM is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization and contributions are tax deductible

BPW Local Organization Scholarships

BPW Local Organizations are active all over Virginia and many organizations award scholarships for young people going on to college and older women returning to school. Awards range from \$250 to \$1,000. Contact the BPW Local Organization for information.

Information about Virginia BPW FoundationSM and applications for Virginia BPW FoundationSM scholarships can be requested by writing:
Virginia BPW FoundationSM
P.O. Box 4842
McLean, VA 22103-4842
or at
www.vabpwfoundation.org

BPW/USA

BPW/VA is an affiliate of BPW/USA, and in 1956 the national organization established the **BPW Foundation** to help women obtain higher education.

BPW Career Advancement Scholarship Program

This scholarship was established to assist women seeking the education necessary for entry or re-entry into the workforce or advancement within a career field. Applicants must be 25 years of age or older, a U. S. citizen, graduating within two years, and able to demonstrate critical financial need. Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 are awarded for full or part-time study programs.

BPW Foundation scholarship applications are available between January 1 and April 1. To obtain the application visit the BPW/USA Web site www.bpwusa.org or send a #10 business-size, self-addressed, double-stamped envelope to: Scholarships, BPW Foundation, 1900 M Street NW, Suite 310, Washington, DC 20036. For a recorded message call (202) 293-1100.

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