

Business and Professional Women, Hernando County

2018 Scholarship Information



Who are we?

We are a local affiliate of BPW USA and BPW Florida. Our goal is to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information. Please visit our website at www.bpwhernando.org.

What are these scholarships all about?

The Hernando County BPW awards two, \$1000.00 scholarships annually. One will be awarded to a female high school senior preparing for college and the other to a woman who is returning to school to continue her education. The committee has the discretion of awarding additional scholarships depending on the number and quality of applications received.

Each of the scholarships is a one-time payment of \$1000.00 (one thousand dollars) to the institution of higher education of the chosen applicants and it is not a loan. In other words, you don't pay this back - it is free!

How do I know if I qualify for one of these scholarships?

Here's the simple checklist to see if you qualify:

1. You must be a female.
2. You must live in Hernando County.
3. You must demonstrate a financial need.
4. You must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA.
5. You must be attending a Florida college or technical school by the fall semester of 2018.
6. For the high school senior scholarships, community service and extra-curricular activities are a must. For the post high school applicant we are looking for a woman who is pursuing higher education to advance her current career, or for a career change.
7. You must attend the meeting of BPW Hernando County on April 24, 2018 to receive your scholarship and be recognized.

Please fill out the application completely and return it with a postmark no later than **March 2, 2018**.

If you have any questions about the BPW Scholarship requirements and application, please contact:

Nicole Bixler, Scholarship Chairperson (352)-200-0220 or nickbixdo@gmail.com

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Personal Essay

Essay Questions

Applicants: Please answer the following questions on a separate **typed** written page(s). For Question #1 and #2, limit your responses to less than 200 words. For Question #3 you must choose one and only one of the proposed topics and answer in less than 300 words. Include your name on each page submitted.

1. Why should we consider you for this scholarship? In your response, please describe why you need financial assistance to attend school.
2. Tell us about your career objectives.
3. Answer one of the following:
 - Address a problem with your generation and your ideas to remedy it.
 - Describe how an event or one person has had a positive impact on your life, and how that experience has helped you to achieve your goals, and will continue to have an impact on your life in the future.
 - What has been your biggest failure either personally or academically and what did you learn from that experience?
 - In your opinion, what inequalities (whether perceived or factual) still exist in the workplace for women and how would you address those inequalities?

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Letter of Recommendation

Letter of recommendation for _____
(Applicant's name)

Today's Date _____

Business and Professional Women, Hernando County, would like to thank you for providing us with information about this scholarship candidate. Please return your responses to the candidate in a timely manner as the application materials must be postmarked by March 2, 2018.

In answering the following, convince us why this candidate should be considered for a scholarship award. Additional information that you feel is pertinent may be included. Letters may be up to one page in length.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. How successful has this person been in achieving their goals?
3. Discuss this person's leadership abilities.

Your printed name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

Please incorporate all of the above information in your letter or attach this completed form to your letter.

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Personal Information**

Please submit the following information in a typed format. You may recreate this form or complete and print the form from our website, www.bpwhernando.org.

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

What program, or degree do you intend to pursue?

What college or technical school do you plan to attend? Please remember it must be a school in Florida. _____

Please provide the school's complete address:

What is your current GPA weighted and un-weighted? _____

Community Service Requirement for Graduation: Yes or No

Number of Hours

Year Earned

Type of Service

Are you going to be receiving any financial assistance? Please list all loans, grants and pre-paid college tuition and scholarships that you are anticipating.

Type of Assistance

Amount

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Activities and Honors

Please complete the following in a typed format. You may recreate this form or complete and print this form from our website, www.bpwhernando.org.

School Activities:

Name of Organization	Dates of Involvement	Level of Participation and Leadership Role if applicable

Community Activities:

Name of Organization	Dates of Involvement	Level of Participation and Leadership Role if applicable

Employment History:

Name of Employer	Dates of Employment	Responsibilities

Awards Received:

Name of Award/Honor	Year	Reason for Award

I certify that the above information is true. I understand that fraudulent information will result in disqualification. I understand the BPW has the right to verify all information provided.

Signature _____ Date _____

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2018 Scholarship Application

Checklist

1. Fill out the attached application form.
2. Provide 2 letters of recommendation from non-relatives using the form provided.
3. Answer the short essay questions on a separate typed sheet of paper. ***Please note the essay portion will be weighted the highest by the committee in choosing the scholarship recipient.***
4. Include transcripts of high school and post-secondary courses completed through December 2017.
5. Include your first and last name on each page of the submitted application.
6. Return the completed application form, 2 letters of recommendation, essay answers, and transcripts in one package, postmarked by March 2, 2018 to the address below:

Business and Professional Women of Hernando County

PO Box 5685

Spring Hill, FL 34611

Or you may electronically submit to:

bpw@tampabay.rr.com

Deadline March 2, 2018

Please keep copies of all materials submitted.

For further information contact:

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