



December 19, 2019

Dear Guidance Counselor/Scholarship Liaison:

I am writing on behalf of the Business and Professional Women of Hernando County. Annually, we provide the opportunity for female high school seniors and returning students of a college to apply for one of our \$1,000.00 scholarships. Enclosed you will find the application. Please make this information available to your students and encourage those that meet the criteria to apply.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could notify me by email that you have received this packet of information and provide any update in contact information if necessary.

Thank you for your distribution of the scholarship information.

Sincerely,

Tracy Ramirez, Esquire, Scholarship Chairperson  
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## **Business and Professional Women, Hernando County**

### **2020 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](http://www.bpwhernando.org).

#### **What are these scholarships all about?**

The Hernando County BPW awards two, \$1000.00 scholarships annually. The Scholarships will be awarded to one female high school senior preparing for college and 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. Last year BPW awarded six (6) \$1000.00 scholarships.

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 2019.
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 May 26, 2020 to receive your scholarship and be recognized.

Please fill out the application completely and return it with a postmark no later than **April 15, 2020**.

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

**Tracy Ramirez, Esquire, Scholarship Chairperson - (352)610-4488 or [Tracy@TonerRamirez.com](mailto:Tracy@TonerRamirez.com)**

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**Personal Essay**

**Essay Questions**

Applicants: Please answer the following questions on a separate 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 April 15, 2020.

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](http://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

| <u>Number of Hours</u> | <u>Year Earned</u> | <u>Type of Service</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| _____                  | _____              | _____                  |
| _____                  | _____              | _____                  |
| _____                  | _____              | _____                  |

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.

| <u>Type of Assistance</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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## 2020 Scholarship

### 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](http://www.bpwhernando.org).

School Activities:

| Name of Organization | Dates of Involvement | Level of Participation and Leadership Role if applicable |
|----------------------|----------------------|--|
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Community Activities:

| Name of Organization | Dates of Involvement | Level of Participation and Leadership Role if applicable |
|----------------------|----------------------|--|
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Employment History:

| Name of Employer | Dates of Employment | Responsibilities |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
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Awards Received:

| Name of Award/Honor | Year | Reason for Award |
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

## **Business and Professional Women, Hernando County**

### **2020 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 2019.
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 April 15, 2020 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](mailto:bpw@tampabay.rr.com)**

**Deadline April 15, 2020**

Please keep copies of all materials submitted.

**For further information contact:**

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