Women’s Resource Center Application
for the Educational Opportunity Fund Scholarship

The Educational Opportunity Fund is available for individuals, with preference given to women and those without Bachelor’s Degrees, who would benefit from additional training or education to improve their skills so that they may increase their income, realize economic self-sufficiency and become contributing members of their communities.

All applicants must be Women’s Resource Center clients, meaning they have filled out our intake form within the current year and they have discussed their situation with one of our staff members or volunteers.

ELIGIBILITY

- Individuals interested in taking a specific course(s) offered by an accredited organization, such as the Durango Education Center, that will improve their skill / knowledge base so they can successfully apply for higher paying jobs, with preference given to women.
- Individuals interested in obtaining an under-graduate academic degree or vocational degree/certificate, with preference given to women.
- Applicant must be a resident of La Plata County and have resided here for a minimum of one year.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicant must complete entire application and submit all requested information. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Applicant must be working or demonstrate a history of a strong work ethic.
- The program for which the award will be used must be offered by an accredited organization, educational institution, or certified program.
- If applicant is currently enrolled in an educational program, applicant must submit most recent unofficial transcript and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Scholarship funds are for tuition or class fees.
- An invoice for tuition or class fees from the educational institution must be provided for payment, in case applicant is funded. Checks can only be written to an institute, organization or business providing services.
- If applicant receives funding, the recipient agrees to allow the Women’s Resource Center to use their name and story for publicity and WRC grant applications.
- A personal interview with Scholarship Committee members or Women’s Resource Center staff.

Amount awarded between: $0 and $1,000

Deadline to apply and notification: Application deadline is first Thursday of the month by 4pm. Notification of selection will be by the last week of the month.

Applicant must return original signed application and supporting documents in person to:

Women's Resource Center
679 E. 2nd Avenue, Unit 6
Durango, CO 81301

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ATTACHMENTS
The following documents must be attached to the application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

- Proof of residency in La Plata County for one year
- Essay describing how this program will help improve your income potential and thus your ability to be more economically self-sufficient (no more than 750 words).
- Letter of recommendation from someone who is not related to you or is not a close personal friend. (This could be someone who is a teacher/professor, supervisor, case worker, etc.).
- Most recent transcript, if applicable.
- Proof of program accreditation or certification.
- Invoice for tuition or class fees from the educational institution.

A half-hour interview will be scheduled on specific days and times every month and will be held at the Women’s Resource Center office. Please check which time(s) you will be available:

- 3rd Monday @ 4:00pm
- 3rd Monday @ 4:30pm
- 3rd Tuesday @ 8:30am
- 3rd Tuesday @ 9:00am
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PLEASE PRINT LEGIBILLY

Name: __________________________ Age: _____ Date of Application: __________

Mailing Address: _____________________________________________________________

City: __________________ Zip: _______ Phone: (h) ______________________

Email address: ______________________________________________________________

Please list other household members / dependents (relationship and age) living with you:
Name relationship age Name relationship age
__________________________________________________________
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Name of Educational Program: ____________________________________________

Institute: __________________________ Degree: __________________

Graduation /class completion date: _______________

Detailed Financial Requirements

Education Cost(s):

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Total Cost of Educational Program: 1) $ ______________

Other Funding:

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<td>Personal funds/income you plan to contribute:</td>
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<td>Other Scholarship funds available to you:</td>
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<td>Loan funds you are applying for:</td>
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<td>Other funds used towards educational program:</td>
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Total Other Funding (subtract from #1) 2) - $ ______________

Amount needed: = 3) $ ______________

If currently enrolled in an Educational Program please provide:

Current accumulative GPA: _____________ (Include unofficial transcripts)
**Educational Background:**
Did you earn:
- High school diploma (please circle) – Yes or No
- GED (please circle) – Yes or No
- College Degree (please circle) – Yes or No – If Yes, Degree ___________ Year ______

Did you attend college in the past that didn’t result in graduation (please circle)? Yes or No

**Employment History or attach a current resume (please indicate on resume annual salary)**

Current place of employment: ____________________________
Current work position: ____________________________
Address of current employer: ____________________________
Employed since (mm/yy): ______________

Number of hours worked during a week: _________
Hourly Wage or Annual Salary: _________

Prior place of employment: ____________________________
Work position: ____________________________
Address of previous employer: ____________________________

How long were you employed? From (mm/yy) ____________ to (mm/yy) ____________

Number of hours worked during a week: _________
Hourly Wage or Annual Salary: _________

**Income Information**

1. Household Income (List all jobs help)

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<th>Occupation</th>
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2. ALL other household income (Federal Programs: TANF, Social Security; Child Support, etc.)

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3. Total Monthly Household Income ______________________________________
Residency Information

How long have you lived in La Plata county? _________

Do you plan on staying in the area (please circle)? Yes or No If yes, for how long? ______

Please attach:

• Essay describing how this program will help improve your income potential and thus your ability to be more economically self-sufficient (no more than 750 words).

• Letter of recommendation from someone who is not related to you or is not a close personal friend. (This should be someone who is a teacher/professor, supervisor, case worker, etc.)

Statement of Understanding

I _________________________________, (Applicant) attest that the above information is true. I understand that if this request is funded, I agree to have my name listed as a recipient and that my success story may be used for publicity.

__________________________________________  __________________________
Print Name                                      Date

____________________________________________
Signature