



2019 WBC Life Long Learner Merit Scholarship Program

The Women's Business Council's mission is to empower, recognize and inspire women in business and the community in the Lehigh Valley.

The Scholarship Opportunity

The WBC scholarship recognizes adult learners who wish to attend a higher education institution and who have graduated from high school at least one year ago. These women have demonstrated academic ability and a commitment to learning, achievement, and community service. The scholarship assists women in their pursuit of higher education and their desire to assist other young women in reaching their full leadership potential after post-secondary graduation.

Life Long Learner: Female Student Scholarship General Criteria

The recipient of the scholarship must:

- Be an employee or a spouse/domestic partner of a business or organization that is a current member of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce. Chamber staff, WBC Board members, and the scholarship selection committee are ineligible.*
- Provide a recommendation letter from her (or spouse/domestic partner) employer
- Have demonstrated community service
- Will be attending an accredited post-secondary educational program during the following academic year

How to Apply

Complete **ALL** requested information on the application form.* You need not be accepted at a school before applying for the scholarship. Submit the application to your Guidance Counselor for their endorsement and they will forward the application to the Women's Business Council Scholarship Selection Committee.

Applications may be typed in a separate document and must be submitted by **March 29, 2019**. Final evaluation may involve an in-person interview with the scholarship selection committee. Scholarships will be announced in May 2019.



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2019 Scholarship Application

Please complete all information on the form and obtain all required signatures. Return the application to the Chamber's Allentown office. All information is confidential.

Applicant Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____
Home Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone _____ Date of Birth _____
Email _____

Employer Information

Company _____
Name _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone _____ Evening _____
Primary _____ Position _____
Email _____
How are you affiliated with this employer? My employer Spouse/domestic partner's employer
Spouse's name _____
Spouse's position _____
I have applied to:

My course of study will be: _____

I have:

- Been accepted by (name(s) of institution): _____
(Please include copy of acceptance letter with this application)
- Been placed on a waiting list by (name(s) of institution): _____
- Not heard at this time from (name(s) of institution): _____



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Community Activities

Please list all activities, awards, honors, clubs, organizations and special recognition earned through employment and/or other community service activities.

Community

Employment

Personal References –Excluding family and employer (2)

1. Name _____
Telephone _____ Evening _____
How do you know the applicant?

Please provide your personal comments about this student.

2. Signature: _____
Position: _____

Certificate and Authorization

I/we declare the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge..
I/we certify that I/we are employed by an active member of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Essays (Total of three essays, 200-300 words. Please give specific examples, and please use additional paper. Essays may be typed and attached to the application)

1. (This essay is mandatory) Please explain how you plan to assist others in reaching their full leadership potential and how you will improve the quality of life in your community following graduation from a post-secondary institution.

Please answer **two** out of the following three essays:

2. Describe an obstacle in your life and how you overcame it, as well as how it has shaped you
3. Talk about your strengths and weaknesses and how they contribute
4. Describe how you would define leadership