



February 11, 2016

Dear Prospective Scholarship Candidate:

Attached you will find an application for the Women's Issues Network 2016 Scholarship. This year we will award four \$500 scholarships. Please answer all of the questions. Any additional comments or special circumstances you feel that are important in considering your application, can be included under "additional remarks". This scholarship is open to women meeting one of the eligibility criteria:

1. Residing within a 30-mile radius of Galesburg, Illinois (if currently attending college this would be the person's permanent address not the school address)
2. A high-school senior attending a school within a 30-mile radius of Galesburg, Illinois

Your application must include an essay on the topic listed on the application and two written references from non-family members. These references should be knowledgeable of your abilities and should speak about your accomplishments and character. Additional material submitted, such as transcripts or extra references will not be considered in your application package. Please mail your completed application, essay and written reference letter to Women's Issues Network, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 894, Galesburg, Illinois, 61401. Entries may also be hand delivered to RSM US LLP, 117 E. Main Street, Suite 210, Galesburg, IL.

The deadline for the scholarship is April 22, 2016, 4:30 p.m. Entries must be received by this date. Any entries received after this deadline will not be considered. We hope to have winners selected by May 20, 2016. You can expect notification of our decision shortly thereafter. Best wishes on your endeavor!

Sincerely,

WOMEN'S ISSUES NETWORK

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Enclosure



Women's Issues Network

P.O. Box 894
Galesburg, IL 61402

Application for 2016 WIN Scholarship

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ School you attend _____

College you plan to attend _____

Career interest at this time _____

Scholarship application requirements:

1. Completed application form
2. Essay
3. Two letters of reference

Please do not submit additional material, such as transcripts, as it will not be considered.

Essay Instructions:

Please include with your application an essay on, "Due to the slow economy and high cost of higher education, there has been a bigger push for students to go pursue labor trades than going to college. How do you think this will effect women?" Please support your views with citations. The essay should be a minimum of 500 words and maximum of 1000 words, have a title and be double spaced with a font size of 12. Essays will be judged on grammar, punctuation, syntax, content, proper citation and topic relevance.

Letter of Reference:

Please attach two written references to this application. The references should not be from a family member. The references should be knowledgeable of your abilities and speak about your accomplishments and character.

Reference Names: _____

Reference Addresses: _____

Reference Relationship to Candidate: _____

Additional Remarks:

You may make any additional remarks you think may be helpful in reviewing your application:

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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