



2021 Pocono Chamber Women in Business Scholarship Program

The Pocono Chamber of Commerce's Women's Business Council's mission is growing, learning, and supporting women in business so they can be their authentic selves and feel confident and powerful in the workforce.

The Scholarship Opportunity

The Pocono Chamber Women in Business Scholarship recognizes Monroe County female professionals who have demonstrated their dedication to empowering the leaders of our community and their commitment to bettering our community. The scholarship assists women in their pursuit of continuing their education and their desire to assist other women in reaching their full leadership potential after they finish continuing their education.

High School Scholarship General Criteria

The recipient of the scholarship must:

- Have demonstrated community service (for example school, faith-based or civic organizations, or employers).
- Will be attending an accredited college or university educational program during the following academic year.
- Be an employee of a business or organization that is a current member of the Pocono Chamber of Commerce. Immediate family members (mother, sister, child) of the chamber staff, PCC Women in Business Council, or the scholarship selection committee are ineligible.

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 the Women's Business Council Scholarship Selection Committee.

Applications may be typed in a separate document and must be submitted by **May 15th, 2021**. Final evaluation may involve an in-person interview with the scholarship selection committee. Scholarships will be announced in July 2021. **Please submit completed applications to the Pocono Chamber of Commerce by mail or email.**

Email:

eblose@poconochamber.org

Mail:

Pocono Chamber of Commerce
ATTN: WIB Scholarship 2020
1004 W Main St.
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

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Please complete all information on the form and obtain all required signatures. Return the application to the Women's Business Council Scholarship Selection Committee. All information is confidential.

Applicant Information

Name (Last, First, M.I.): _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____

Chamber Member/Employment Information

Name (Last, First, M.I.): _____

Business Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Future Plans

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): _____

Community Activities & Involvements

Please list all activities, awards, clubs and special recognition earned through your employer and/or other community service activities.

School

Community

Employment

Explain how receiving this scholarship will affect your ability to be successful in college

Personal References– Employer, Mentor, Etc.

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

Please provide your personal comments about this applicant. (You may attach an additional page.)

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 submit to the Scholarship Committee an official academic transcript (if applicable). I/we certify that we are employed by an active member of the Pocono Chamber of Commerce.

Applicant’s Signature: _____ Date: _____
Employer/Mentor’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Essays (Total of three essays, 300 words each max. 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