



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 outstanding female high school seniors who have demonstrated academic ability and a commitment to learning, achievement, and community service. The scholarship assists young 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.

High School Scholarship General Criteria

The recipient of the scholarship must:

- Be a student in good standing at her high school and must have maintained an overall 3.0 GPA. Good standing is defined as acceptable citizenship and attendance.
- Have demonstrated community service (for example school, faith-based or civic organizations, or employers).
- Will be attending an accredited post-secondary educational program during the following academic year.
- Be an employee or the daughter of an employee of a business or organization that is a current member of the Pocono Chamber of Commerce. Children 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 your Guidance Counselor for their endorsement and they will forward the application the Women's Business Council Scholarship Selection Committee.

Applications may be typed in a separate document and must be submitted by **June 1st, 2021**. Final evaluation may involve an interview (in-person or virtual) with the scholarship selection committee. Scholarships will be announced in June 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 2021
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 your Guidance Counselor. All information is confidential.

Applicant Information

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

Home Mailing Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____

Parent or Guardian Information

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

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Home 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): _____

Extracurricular and Community Activities

Please list all activities, awards, honors, clubs and special recognition earned through school, employment, 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, Teacher, Coach, Etc.

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

Please provide your personal comments about this student. (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. I/we certify that we are employed by an active member of the Pocono Chamber of Commerce.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
Guidance Counselor 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