



LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE



The City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women is committed to providing opportunities for leadership development for women of all ages and backgrounds in Bloomington and the surrounding communities.

The Leadership Scholarship Initiative creates ever-greater opportunities to cultivate the next generation of women leaders.

Scholarships are awarded to women who are planning to attend a leadership development experience and are awarded based on the learning expectations the individual has and her vision for how she will use what she learns to contribute to the Bloomington community.

Recipients of Leadership Scholarships are required to participate in the BCSW Women's Leadership Development event and make a presentation about their leadership growth experience.

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- Jacqueline Fernette
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- Beth Friedman Kirk
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- Alexa Lopez
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- Community Volunteer:* Sara Reeves
- Staff Liaison:* Sue Owens, City of Bloomington Community & Family Resources Department



Please join us!

Meetings are open to the public.

Date: first Thursday of the month

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Showers City Hall
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN

To get on the agenda, contact Sue Owens. (See contact information below.)

To submit an application for the BCSW or any Bloomington commission, visit bloomington.in.gov/csw.

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Commission ON THE Status of Women

explores women's issues and concerns, celebrates women's accomplishments, and promotes solutions to the problems and challenges faced by women.





The mission of the

City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women (BCSW) is to ensure that women and men have equal opportunity to function fully and optimally as citizens of Bloomington, as equal participants in the economy, in politics and government, in education, in social development, in the system of justice, and in all other facets of life.

The objectives of the BCSW are:

- To ensure a coordinated city-wide effort to improve capacities of and opportunities for Bloomington women by identifying the needs of and the resources and services available for women in Bloomington;
- To monitor, stimulate, and encourage federal, state, and local policies and legislation in a way that positively impacts Bloomington women;
- To ensure equity and educate the community about the goals of the commission by issuing publications, reports and legislative information; and
- To maintain a close liaison with other women's commissions, advocacy groups, and other relevant programs that relate to the needs, problems, and opportunities of women.

Founded in 1973, the BCSW is sponsored by the City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department.



COMMISSION SPONSORED EVENTS

Each March, the BCSW co-sponsors city-wide activities to celebrate Women's History Month:

- Women's History Month Lunch
- Women's Leadership Development Event

Women's History Month Lunch

The Women's History Month Lunch is an opportunity to recognize individual and collective accomplishments of women in this community. The event includes exhibitors from local, women-owned businesses and organizations, as well as a keynote speaker who embodies the mission of the Commission. Two awards are presented annually at the lunch: the Woman of the Year Award and the Lifetime Contribution Award.

Women's Leadership Development Event

Since 2006, this annual women's leadership forum has featured a keynote speaker, workshops, and panel discussions that center on the topic of women in leadership. The purpose is to help women develop leadership skills they can use to improve the Bloomington community. At this event, the Commission presents the Emerging Leader Award.

To learn more about these events or awards, visit bloomington.in.gov/csw.



BCSW STATUS REPORTS



The BCSW produces regular reports on women's issues in the Bloomington community and surrounding area. The reports are modeled after the *Status of Women in Indiana* (2001) report.

The status reports are intended to provide baseline indicators that are regularly revisited and updated according to established schedules. All reports are posted to the BCSW website.

The Commission monitors and reports on five areas of concern:

- Women's Victimization, Domestic Violence
- Health and Well-Being
- Education
- Civic Engagement and Leadership
- Economics and Employment

To download the reports, visit bloomington.in.gov/csw.