

BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE

Program Description

The City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women was founded in 1973 in order to ensure that women and men have equal opportunity to function fully and optimally as citizens of Bloomington, and 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.

As one of its primary objectives, The Commission on the Status of Women is committed to providing opportunities for leadership development for women of all ages and backgrounds in the Bloomington and surrounding communities. In order to create ever-greater opportunities to cultivate the next generation of women leaders, the Commission has established a Leadership Scholarship Initiative.

- Scholarships will be awarded to women in the general and university communities who are planning to attend a leadership development experience. These experiences can include conferences, workshops, seminars, mini-courses, and additional opportunities for which an applicant can clearly articulate a case for leadership development. The word "leadership" need not be in the title of the experience; rather, it will be up to the applicant to fully explain how the experience will shape her growth as a leader.
- Applicants will complete a brief application form which details all aspects of the leadership experience, including name and theme of the event, location, dates, costs associated, how the applicant will fund the remaining costs of the experience, etc. Applications will include a required narrative that describes the applicant's interest in leadership development and learning expectations for the proposed activity. Applicants must demonstrate how, specifically, they will use their experience to benefit and help women and girls in the Bloomington community. For example, using information gathered at a conference or workshop for an educational experience for women and girls in the community.
- Recipients of Leadership Scholarships will be required to participate in the Women's Leadership Event sponsored by the Commission each March, and to make a presentation about their leadership growth experience. Members of the Commission responsible for the Women's Leadership Event will work with the recipients to organize compelling and meaningful presentations. In the event that a scholarship recipient is unable to attend the Leadership Event in the March following the leadership development experience for which she has received the scholarship, she may suggest an alternate venue that is appropriate based upon her particular leadership experience.
- The maximum scholarship awarded will be \$500. Scholarships may be awarded in smaller increments at the discretion of the review committee. The review committee will look favorably upon applications that demonstrate additional sources of funding.
- Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis; however, interested individuals are encouraged to apply as early as possible prior to their leadership experience. Applicants will be notified within 5 weeks of submission.
- The Commission will utilize a reimbursement method for payment of scholarship funds (including registration fees, travel and lodging) after the recipient has fully participated in the leadership experience. All receipts must be submitted to the City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women within 30 days of completion of the leadership experience. The review committee will also consider, on a case by case basis, requests from applicants for expenses needed in advance of the leadership experience.
- Applications may be submitted via email to owenss@bloomington.in.gov, via USPS or by hand delivery to Showers City Hall / 401 N. Morton Street / Community and Family Resources Department, Suite 260 / Bloomington, IN 47402, or via fax at 812-349-3483. Please mark applications to the attention of Sue Owens.
- To learn more about the Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women or to download a scholarship application, visit www.bloomington.in.gov/boards/csw.
- Questions? Contact Sue Owens, Program Specialist, at 812-349-3468, or owenss@bloomington.in.gov.

Thank you for your interest in the Leadership Scholarship Initiative!
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Application Form

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date of Application: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

Brief description of Project: (Workshop, Conference, Seminar, etc.) including the name and theme of the event. You may also attach a brochure or additional literature. Please describe your interest in leadership development and your learning experience for the proposed activity. Applicants must demonstrate how, specifically, they will use their experience to benefit and help women and girls in the Bloomington community. For example, using information gathered at a conference of workshop for an educational experience for women and girls in the community.

Date(s) of Experience: _____

Location: _____

Total Costs (including travel): _____

Requested Amount: _____

(Please complete the attached budget form, detailing all expenses and sources of funding.)

If the total costs of your experience exceed the scholarship awarded, what is your plan for covering the remainder of the costs?

Budget Information

*Please complete this form, leaving spaces blank when they do not apply to your application.
Please provide all detail you believe will assist the committee in considering your application.*

	Amount	Details
Expenses		
Registration Fee	\$ _____	_____
Travel costs	\$ _____	_____
Lodging	\$ _____	_____
Other	\$ _____	_____
TOTAL	\$ _____	
 Additional Funding		
Source #1	\$ _____	_____
Source #2	\$ _____	_____
Source #3	\$ _____	_____
TOTAL	\$ _____	
 TOTAL REQUESTED	 \$ _____	