

## **Billings Family Educational Fund for Women**

This is a fund established for women students seeking to attend a training school, college, or university to learn a new skill or trade in order to have a new start and direction in life. This is a \$750 one-year scholarship renewable for up to three years.

Scholarship awards must be used within the 2011-2012 school year.

### **Criteria and Guidelines for Scholarship from Billings Family Educational Fund for Women**

1. The applicant must be female.
2. The applicant must currently live in McPherson County.
3. The applicant must be a student at least 20 years of age not been classified as a full-time student within the last year.
4. The applicant must describe how gaining educational training will enable her to overcome a difficult life situation.
5. The applicant must describe how this educational training is compatible with her interests and abilities and will further her personal goals for a new direction in life.
6. The applicant must provide detailed information about the program she wishes to enter.
7. The applicant will submit two written recommendations along with the application.
8. The recipient of the scholarship will need to submit a renewal application in order to extend the scholarship for an additional year.

For questions about the application, please contact the McPherson County Community Foundation office at 620-245-9070, toll free at 1-866-245-9070 or via email at [info@mcphersonfoundation.org](mailto:info@mcphersonfoundation.org).

A copy of the application in Word may be downloaded from our webpage at [www.mcphersonfoundation.org/applications.php](http://www.mcphersonfoundation.org/applications.php).

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**Application Form for Billings Family Educational Scholarship**  
*Type or legibly hand write in black or blue ink.*

**Personal Information**

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Phone Number:

Family Status (circle all that apply):

Single / Married / Divorced / Widowed

Number of Children:

Number of Children Currently Living with Applicant:

Age and Gender of Each Child:

Have you had contact with Mt. Hope Sanctuary for Women? If yes, explain.

Have you had any felony convictions? If yes, explain.

**Education, Work Experience, and Community Involvement**

Educational Background (list name of school and degree/training received):

Work Experience:

Are you currently employed?                      If yes, for how long?

List name, address, and phone number of current employer:

List names, addresses, and phone numbers of previous employers:

Community Involvement:

List any community or religious activities for which you are involved. For each activity, explain what you do.

**Educational Training for Which you Desire Funding**

1. Which school and educational training program do you desire to attend?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What is the annual cost of the program?

3. What is the length of time this educational training requires?
  
4. Do you have other sources of funding for receiving this training? Explain.
  
5. Have you contacted the school of your choice for additional financial aid options?
  
6. Provide detailed information about the program you wish to enter.

**Applicant Essay**

Please attach to this application form a short essay of not more than 250 words that discusses why you need this educational training and describe your life situation that is preventing you from achieving your personal goals for a new direction in life.

**References**

Enclose TWO letters of recommendation. These letters should be written by non-family member who can verify how you meet the criteria of this scholarship.

**Mailing Address and Application Due Date**

The application form, essay, and letters of recommendation are due to the McPherson County Community Foundation **July 15, 2011**. Applications postmarked on July 15, 2011 will be accepted. Mail your materials to:

McPherson County Community Foundation  
206 S. Main  
McPherson, KS 67460

Faxed applications are acceptable. Please send them to: 620-245-9070

Note: The scholarship selection committee reserves the right to request personal interviews with any of the applicants.