

# **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 one-year scholarship renewable for up to three years. At this time two \$1,000 scholarships are available.

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

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 having attended school within the last school 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 [sharon@mcphersonfoundation.org](mailto:sharon@mcphersonfoundation.org).

# Billings Family Educational Scholarship Application

Type or legibly handwrite in black or blue ink.

## Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Family Status (*Circle all that apply*)    Single    Married    Divorced    Widowed

Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children Living with Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Age and Gender of Each Child:

Are you receiving any life skills training from an organization or group?  
If yes, explain.

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

## Education, Work Experience, & 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**

Which school and educational training program do you desire to attend?

What is the annual cost of the program?

What is the length of time this educational training requires?

Do you have other sources of funding for receiving this training? Explain.

Have you contacted the school of your choice for additional financial aid options? Explain.

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 scholarship criteria.

List TWO Additional References:

Name of Reference	Address	Phone Number

### **Mailing Address and Application Due Date**

The application form, essay, and letters of recommendation are due to the McPherson County Community Foundation no later than **July 31, 2014**. Mail all your application materials to:

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

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