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Scholarship Criteria

1. To be considered for the Legacy of Leadership Scholarship, the applicant must be a resident of the Bluegrass Area Development District and be one of the following:
   - High school 2010 graduating senior
   - An individual with a General Education Degree (GED) attending college for the first time
   - A currently enrolled college student seeking scholarship funds
   - A non-traditional student going back to college

2. One letter of recommendation must be received from organizations supporting volunteer community service (e.g.) Faith-based Outreach, Red Cross, Big Brother/Big Sisters, Salvation Army, Relay for Life, March of Dimes, 4-H, Girls Scouts, Key Club, Beta Club, Student Council, etc. in which the applicant has participated.

3. One personal letter of recommendation must be received from a member of the applicant’s community who knows the applicant well. (Cannot be from a relative of the applicant).

4. Applicants will be required to write and submit an original 250-word essay describing the Applicant’s volunteer and/or leadership experience and the applicant’s aspirations, goals, or needs as they relate to the BAW mission.

5. Scholarship applications will be available on the BAW website (Bluegrassallianceforwomen.com) the first week of October.

6. All applications must be post marked by December 31, 2009.

7. All recipients must present proof of acceptance or enrollment in the appropriate college or university before BAW will submit the check.

8. If there are no appropriate applicants or recipients fail to meet the appropriate requirements then the scholarship will not be awarded and the award amount will remain in the scholarship fund for future years.

9. The Scholarship Committee will recommend the recipient(s) to the Steering Committee at the January meeting.

10. The Steering Committee will hold final approval of the selected scholarship applicants.

11. Family members of the Scholarship and Steering Committees are ineligible for that calendar year.

12. The scholarship check, made payable to the college or university, will be mailed directly to the college or university Financial Aid Office.

13. The scholarships will be officially presented at the Legacy Luncheon.

The Scholarship Application Form and information about Bluegrass Alliance for Women is available at www.bluegrassallianceforwomen.com.
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APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Name: _____________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________ E-mail: _____________________________________________

County of Residence: _________________________________

PLEASE FILL IN THE CRITERIA THAT MEETS YOUR CURRENT STATUS

1. 2010 High School Graduating Senior

   Name of High School: _______________________________________________________

   Name of College/University you plan to attend: ________________________________

2. Individual with General Education Degree (GED) attending College/University for the first time

   Date GED was awarded: _____________________________________________________

   Name of College/University you plan to attend: ________________________________

3. Currently enrolled college student seeking scholarship funds

   Name of College/University where you are currently enrolled __________________________

   If transferring, where you plan to attend in fall 2010: _____________________________

   Number of hours completed: ___________________________________________________

4. Non-traditional student going back to school:

   Name of High School and year of graduation: ____________________________

   or

   Year your GED was awarded _____________________________________________

   Name of College/University you attended in the past: _____________________________

   Number of hours completed: _________________________________________________

   Name of College/University you plan to attend: ________________________________
Each application must also contain:

1. An original 250 word essay describing the applicant’s volunteer and/or leadership experience and the applicant’s aspirations, goals, or needs relating to volunteerism and leadership.

2. One letter of recommendation from an organization supporting volunteer community service (e.g.) Faith-Based Outreach, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Relay for Life, March of Dimes, 4-H, Girls Scouts, Key Club, Beta Club, Student Council, etc.

3. One personal letter of recommendation from a member of the applicant’s Community who knows the applicant well. (cannot be a relative)

All items (Items 1-3 above) must be included in order for an application to be considered. You may also include additional supporting information such as a high school or college transcript, GED score, resume, etc. with your application.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that all information provided on this application form is true and accurate.

[Signature] [Date]

Application may be submitted via mail, e-mail, or fax by to: Bluegrass Alliance for Women Scholarship Committee

PO Box 3821
Midway, KY 40347
E-mail Address: Donnapeden@insightbb.com
Phone: 859-223-5086
Fax: 859-223-5086

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF SUBMISSIONS: Postmarked by December 31, 2009

(Proof of acceptance/enrollment will be required if the applicant is awarded the scholarship)