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## 2012 SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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The United Way of Siouxland's Women's Power Lunch and Women Aware are currently offering scholarship awards for Siouxland single parents and transitioning homemakers with specific criteria and benefits. Eligibility requirements and additional program information are provided on page 2 of this application.

### **Checklist for a Complete Application    DO NOT FOLD APPLICATIONS**

- Completed Each Question in Application & Signatures where indicated - (Include attachment to questions as needed)
- Attached One-Page Essay: Essay Subject at Question 24 of this Application
- Attached Proofs:
  - Proof of Single Parent Status
  - Proof of Residency
  - Proof of High School Graduation
  - High School Transcripts (if available) and Transcripts of any Post-Secondary Education
- Attached Three (3) Personal References
- Complete Summary of Information on this page below

### **Summary of Application Information**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative High School GPA/TEST SCORES: GPA \_\_\_\_\_ ACT/TEST \_\_\_\_\_ (if any)  
(Test Scores may include ACT/SAT/CPT or Other Entrance Tests, if any – If no tests taken please indicate)

Taxable & Adjusted Gross Income:    TI \$ \_\_\_\_\_    AGI \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Need for Educational Program for Year:    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Major or Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of Siouxland College to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Deadline for Submitting Application**

Completed applications must be *received* by United Way of Siouxland by May 25, 2012 – applications postmarked prior to May 25, 2012, but received by United Way later than May 25, 2012, will NOT be accepted. Mail or deliver all applications to: United Way/Women Aware, Single Parent Scholarship Program, 701 Steuben Street, Sioux City, IA 51101. If you have any additional questions regarding the application, please contact Katie Colling at 712 -258-4174.

## Application Instructions / Questions and Answers

### Instructions

- Type (preferred) or print all requested information on only one side of the page.
- All information must be supplied. If any information is incomplete, the application will be rejected.
- Keep application in the same order as received. Paperclip or staple requested information, and question attachments (if any), on back of application – please reference question numbers on attachments.
- Do not include any photographs with your application.
- Should you be chosen to interview with the Single Parent Scholarship Fund Selection Committee, you will be asked to bring a personal photo and information such as Tax Returns (IRS 1040 Forms), financial aid packages, School Aid Reports (if any), and additional proof of residency and/or single parent status to substantiate your application.
- **Personal References:** Please supply three (3) personal references from other than your family. Quality of references is a factor.

### FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions

#### ***What are the ELIGIBILITY requirements for a Single Parent Scholarship?***

Answer: [Eligibility Requirements](#). An applicant must:

- High school graduation or GED
- Document applicant as a single primary custodial parent of a minor child age who is 18 or younger anytime during the grant year (any 18 year old child must also be attending his or her senior year in high school).
- Provide proof that applicant has been a resident of the Siouxland area for the last 2 years.
- Applicant must be in the application process to attend one of the five college partners of the program.

#### ***Question: What is considered the “Siouxland Area” and what local colleges & universities are partners of the program?***

Answer: You are eligible to apply for a single parent scholarship if you live in the Siouxland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) which includes Woodbury County, IA, Dakota County, NE and Union County, SD. A scholarship will be provided to attend Briar Cliff University, Morningside College, Northeast Community College, St. Luke’s College and Western Iowa Tech Community College.

#### ***Question: How are scholarships distributed?***

Answer: The United Way/Women Aware Single Parent Scholarship is typically for one school year. Women Aware makes payment, two times during that year. Therefore, the total scholarship(s) that you received will typically be paid out in two payments (typically one payment on August 31, and one payment on January 31). The sum is paid directly to the school.

#### ***Question: What is the process for selecting winners and when will I be notified of a scholarship award?***

Answer: Neither United Way nor Women Aware decides the successful applicants for a scholarship; rather, an independent “Selection Committee” makes the determination. The criteria for selection for award are: a.) Financial Need, b.) Scholastic Merit, c.) Community Service and/or Work, d.) and Educational Objectives. Bonus applicant review points are given should there be hardships or special circumstances that warrant additional consideration.

Selection is made on the following process: All applications are reviewed and graded by the Selection Committee – and finalists are selected. The finalists then must appear for a personal interview at a designated time. The Foundation and Women Aware reserves the right to request additional information to better determine the qualifications, capabilities, or financial need of any applicant.

#### ***Question: What if I received a single parent scholarship last year; am I eligible to apply for another scholarship this year?***

Answer: In short, yes. “Single Parent Scholarships” are paid out over one year; if you received a single parent scholarship last year you may apply again this year. However, you will be competing against first-time applicants for the award.

If you have any questions on how to complete this application, please do not hesitate to call Katie Colling at 712-258-4174.



## Applicant Information (Continued)

**17. Work Experience:** List your work experience over the last 4 years, in chronological order, with your most recent job last. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Company	Position/Job Description	Employed From	Employed To	Total Months Worked	Average Hours Per Week

**18. Community and Volunteer Activities:** List all non-paid community activities in which you have participated in the last 4 years (i.e., volunteer efforts, church work). Attach additional pages if necessary.

Activity (e.g., Soup Kitchen)	Year (1,2,3,4)	Position	Total Months Worked	Average Hours Per Month	Comments

**19.** List all individuals, other than minor children, who reside in your household, their ages, and indicate whether they are dependent\* on you for support:

Name	Relationship	Age	Dependent on Family Yes ___ No ___
_____	_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___
_____	_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___
_____	_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___

\* To be considered a **“Dependent on Family,”** individuals must be receiving more than half their support from the head of household.

**20a.** I received a United Way Women’s Power Lunch/Women Aware “Single Parent Scholarship” in prior years?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**20b.** if yes, state the year scholarship given \_\_\_\_\_

**20c.** if yes, please attach grade transcripts of your post-secondary education.

**21a.** Have you attended any post-secondary educational institution after high school? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**21b.** If yes, what year(s) did you attend and where? Please attach corresponding grade transcripts.

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**22.** Supply the name, address and phone number of three individual references:  
(You must attach letter references from these individuals to this application)

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**23. Special Circumstances:** Relate any additional information you feel the Selection Committee should consider in the selection process (e.g., family need, hardships overcome, and the like). Please provide this information on an attachment to this application – please type your response on your attachment. Do not answer this question if you feel that there are no “special circumstances” or important facts to report.

**24. Submit Essay as Attachment:** Indicate where you see yourself in ten (10) years, how will the scholarship achieve that goal, and how do you plan to give back to the community. Essay should be one page, typed – 12pt. font size, single spaced with one-inch margins.

- 25. Provide copy of documentation disclosing you as primary custodian of a minor child (e.g. birth certificate, custody support orders, death certificate of deceased spouse, tax return, other relevant documents).
- 26. Provide documentation verifying you as being a Siouland resident for the past two years (e.g. real property tax statement, rental agreement, voter registration, driver's license, other relevant documents).

**Confidential Financial Information:**

**Income, Earnings and Benefits:** Please complete the following information from your latest completed Federal Tax Return.

27. The following information is compiled from my tax return filed in \_\_\_\_\_ for the year \_\_\_\_\_

- 28a. Adjusted Gross Income: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.00
- 28b. Taxable Income: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.00
- 29. US Income Tax Paid: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.00
- 30. Untaxed income and benefits: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.00
- 31. Total number of exemptions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Asset Information:**

- 32. Cash in savings, checking and investment accounts: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.00
- 33. Stocks, Bonds and Mutual Funds: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.00
- 34. Home or Residence: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.00
- 35. Other Real Estate (do not include residence): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.00
- 36. Business Value: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.00
- 37. Other Assets (include IRA, other retirement accounts, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.00
- 38. Total Assets: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.00

**Liabilities and Debt Information:**

- 39. Credit Card Debt: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.00
- 40. Home Mortgage: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.00
- 41. Business Debt: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.00
- 42. Other Debt: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.00
- 43. Total Debt: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.00
- 44. Net Worth (Line 38 minus Line 43): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.00
- 45. Do you own your home:  Yes  No
- 46. If no, how much do you pay per month in rent: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

**Verifications**

I have not been convicted of any felony in any court of law.  
(If you have been convicted of a felony, please provide full explanation in an attachment to this Application.)

I give United Way and Women Aware permission to use my name, any photograph, and writings provided to each to be used in any of its publication materials, reports, press releases, and activities associated with its scholarship programs. I understand that all financial information is, and shall remain, confidential.

I authorize the Financial Aid Office of any school to release information concerning other financial resources I may be receiving to Women Aware. I authorize the United Way/Women Aware (including Selection Committee) to review my college and high school grade transcripts. I understand that I must enroll for a minimum of 8 credit hours per semester and maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average to remain eligible for the scholarship funds, if I am selected as a recipient.

The information supplied is true and correct. I understand that all information is subject to verification and that falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarships granted.

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Signature of Applicant