



United Way of Siouxland's Women's Power Lunch & Women Aware

2021 SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applications due: **June 10, 2021**

QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma or GED / HiSET (minimum required)
- Single head of household (where children age 18 or younger reside)
- Employment (full or part time)
- Siouxland resident for at least the last two years
- Enrolled or intending to enroll for a minimum of six credit hours in an on-campus or online program at one of the following local college partners:
 - Briar Cliff University
 - Buena Vista University (WITCC Campus Only)
 - Morningside College
 - Northeast Community College – South Sioux City, NE (College Center only)
 - St. Luke's College
 - Wayne State College – South Sioux City, NE (College Center only)
 - Western Iowa Tech Community College

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Financial need
- Scholastic merit
- Community service/work
- Educational objectives
- Hardship or special circumstances

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications reviewed and awardees determined by an independent scholarship committee. Finalists are required to attend a personal interview. Additional information may be required to confirm an applicant's qualifications.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Awards typically range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per year. Estimated number of scholarships awarded: Ten

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION (attach and submit with application)

- High School transcripts or GED/HiSET completion certificate and final test scores **OR** College transcripts from all colleges attended
- Most recent IRS Income Tax Forms:
 - Form 1040: First page
 - Schedule 3: Page “Nonrefundable Credits” (optional)
 - Schedule EIC Earned Income Credit one page (one page)
 - Schedule 8812- “Additional Child Tax Credit” (optional)
 - Form 2441 “Child and Dependent Care Expenses” (2 pages).
- Proof of Single Parent status (For example: court approved custody paperwork, tax returns, DHS paperwork (FIP), Food Stamps (EBT) monthly letter, Medicaid Statements, etc.)
- Three professional letters of reference on letterhead (reference letters must be from previous instructors, pastors, volunteer committee chairs, work supervisors, etc., **no family or friends**) (letters of reference do not need to be sealed)
- One-two page essay on your educational and professional goals and their importance to you
- Any special circumstances for consideration

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How are the scholarship payments made? Single Parent Scholarships are for one academic year, with payments sent directly to the college, typically one on August 31 and one January 31.

If I have received a scholarship in the past, am I eligible to apply again? Yes.

What is the “Siouxland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)”? Woodbury County, IA, Plymouth County, IA, Dakota County, NE, Dixon County, NE, and Union County, SD.

Is there a Grade Point Average (GPA) required while receiving the scholarship? Yes, a 2.5 overall Cumulative GPA is required upon submission of this application and to receive the grant for the second semester payment as well.

What is the minimum number of credits I must register for to be eligible? Six credit hours.

Can I use the scholarship to pay for on-line classes? Yes, as long as you are enrolled at one of the local college partners and live in the Siouxland Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Please contact **Kristine at Women Aware at 712-258-4174** with any other questions.

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1. Date of application: _____/_____/_____
Month Day Year

2. Name: _____
First Middle initial Last Name

3. Address: _____

4. Telephone numbers: _____
Home Cell Work (if okay to call)

5. Email: _____

6. Date of birth: _____/_____/_____
Month Day Year

7. Female _____ Male _____

8. U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident Alien (PRA): Yes _____ No _____ Other: _____

9. List all minor children for which you have physical custody and are obligated to financially support:

Name	Age	Name	Age
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

10. List all individuals other than minor children who reside in your household, their ages, and whether they are dependent on you for support (more than half their financial support from you as head of household):

Name	Age	Dependent on you for support? Y/N
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

11. Name and address of high school attended or institution where GED issued:

Date of Graduation: ____/____/____ Final Grade Point Average (GPA): _____
 GED/HiSET Final Test Scores _____

12. Name and address of all post-secondary educational institutions previously attended and the dates attended (if applicable):

Name of School	School Address:	Dates Attended:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

13. If you are currently enrolled at a post-secondary institution, name and address of institution:

How many credits are you registered for per semester? ____ Current Cumulative GPA: _____
 Estimated graduation date? _____

14. If you are not currently enrolled, which local post-secondary institution are you planning to attend:

Anticipated program of study: _____

15. WORK EXPERIENCE – List your work experience over the last 3 years, most recent first:

Company	Position	Employed from/to	Average hrs/week
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____

16. COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES – List non-paid activities over the last 3 years, most recent first:

Activity	Name of Organization	Volunteer from/to	Average hrs/month
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

17. ASSET INFORMATION

Cash in savings, checking, or investment accounts: \$ _____

Home or residence (if owned estimated value) \$ _____

Other assets: (I.E. Car) \$ _____

Total assets: \$ _____

18. EXPENSE INFORMATION

Anticipated educational expenses
(Include: Tuition, Fees, Parking, etc.) \$ _____

Credit card debt \$ _____

Home mortgage or yearly rent \$ _____

Childcare expenses yearly (not paid by state/other) \$ _____

Transportation expense yearly \$ _____

Outstanding debt to any colleges or universities
**** Outstanding debt must be paid before registering for new classes. This scholarship cannot be used to pay any PAST DUE debt.** \$ _____

Other debt \$ _____

Total estimated debt: \$ _____

19. Have you received a United Way Women’s Power Lunch-Women Aware Scholarship before? Yes / No
If yes, which year? _____ (Scholarships can be awarded multiple years.)

20. Total amount of scholarship requested _____.

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION WITH THIS APPLICATION FORM:

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- **Essay:** Attach a one-two page essay on your educational and professional goals, and their importance to you.
- **Special circumstances if applicable:** Attach a document with any additional information for consideration (financial need, current family hardships, or hardships overcome, etc.).

VERIFICATION

I have never had a felony conviction. (If you do have a felony conviction, please provide a full explanation in a separate document and attach it to this application).

I give United Way of Siouxland and Women Aware permission to use my name, photograph, video, audio recording, or writings provided for use in any publication materials, reports, press releases, and activities associated with the scholarship program. I understand all financial information provided for scholarship consideration will remain confidential.

I authorize the Financial Aid Office of any school I am currently attending or considering enrollment at to release information about other financial aid resources I may be receiving to Women Aware. I authorize United Way of Siouxland and Women Aware to receive and review my high school and/or college transcripts.

I understand that I must be enrolled or enroll for a minimum of six credit hours and maintain a Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 to receive and remain eligible for the scholarship.

I certify that all information I have provided for the scholarship application is a true and correct. I understand that all information is subject to verification, and falsification of information will result in termination of any awarded scholarship amount.

Name

Date