

# Women Empowering Women Scholarship Application

**About the Program:** The Women Empowering Women Scholarship is designed to remove some of the barriers for refugee and immigrant women returning to school in Canada so that they may secure more sustainable employment in Canada. This scholarship is intended to sponsor their education so that women may graduate and enter the workforce without incurring debt that may affect their ability to support themselves and their families. The scholarship pays for tuition and student fees at an accredited post secondary college or university. Participating women will also benefit from a mentor who provides support, encouragement and direction related to seeking and securing employment. It is hoped that women in receipt of a “Women Empowering Women” Scholarship will be active participants in the community of London.

**Application Process:** The application process is two parts. First is the written application. Second is an interview with a member of the Women and Philanthropy group, and a member of the London InterCommunity Health Centre. We are currently selecting applicants for the September 2012 academic year. We reserve the right to not select any candidates if our criteria are not met. Women will be supported through this application process in order to reduce barriers to accessing this opportunity.

**Application deadline: Friday, March 2, 2012 at 5:00pm**

**Program Requirements:** To be eligible for the Scholarship, women must meet the following requirements.

- ✓ Be a resident of London and Middlesex and an immigrant or refugee with permanent residency or be pursuing residency
- ✓ Over 18 years of age and unemployed or underemployed
- ✓ Interested in pursuing an accredited program and are able to demonstrate how this program will enhance their ability to gain sustainable employment
- ✓ Demonstrate that they have met the requirements of the program of their choice
- ✓ Demonstrate a financial barrier to paying for the education with her own or her family’s resources
- ✓ Demonstrated history of success in previous studies
- ✓ Demonstrated commitment to community involvement
- ✓ Be willing to share her story at speaking engagements or in marketing materials used to support the Scholarship

The number of scholarships awarded will be dependent on the funds available.



*Please attach a resume to this application form.*



NAME OF APPLICANT:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

YEAR OF IMMIGRATION TO CANADA:

DO YOU HAVE PERMANENT RESIDENCY:            YES            NO            IN PROGRESS

DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YEAR):

WHAT IS YOUR FAMILY INCOME?

HOW MANY PEOPLE DOES THIS INCOME SUPPORT?

PLEASE TELL US WHAT YOUR EMPLOYMENT GOAL IS AND WHY. PLEASE ALSO TELL US WHICH COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY PROGRAM WILL HELP YOU ACHIEVE THIS GOAL:

WHAT ARE THE ELGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROGRAM? AND HOW MUCH OF THESE REQUIREMENTS HAVE YOU MET AT THE TIME OF THIS APPLICATION?

PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR PREVIOUS EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

PLEASE TELL US ABOUT ANY VOLUNTEER OR COMMUNITY WORK YOU HAVE DONE IN LONDON

IF YOU ARE A SELECTED CANDIDATE, WE WANT YOU TO SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH OUR DONORS AND OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS. IS THIS SOMETHING YOU ARE COMFORTABLE WITH?

YES

NO

NOT SURE

All applications will be reviewed and a shortlist of candidates will be selected for an interview. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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