Student Parent Help Center
Women’s Scholarships Tip Sheet

**General Scholarships for Women:**

**Patsy Takemoto Mink Education Foundation: Education Support Award**

**Amount:** five awards of up to $5000 each to assist low-income women with children who are pursuing education or training

**Eligibility:**
- must be a woman, at least 17 years of age
- must be a mother, with minor children
- must be pursuing a vocational degree/certificate; or an associate's degree; or a first bachelor's degree; or a professional/master's/doctoral degree
- must be enrolled in a not-for-profit, accredited institution or program during the 2015-2016 academic year.
- must be low-income (annual family income less than $20,000 for a family of 2; less than $24,000 for a family of 3; less than $28,000 for a family of 4)

**Deadline:** application for 2015-2016 will be available late spring 2015

**Link:** [http://www.patsyminkfoundation.org/edsupport.html](http://www.patsyminkfoundation.org/edsupport.html)

**Women’s Center, Office for Equity and Diversity: Carol E. Macpherson Memorial Scholarship**

**Amount:** one-time only awards of $1000--$6000

**Eligibility:**
- women students (28 years or older)
- have had a five-year or longer break in post-secondary education
- demonstrated financial need
- admission or pending admission to an undergraduate or graduate/professional degree or credit certificate program at any U of M campus
- good academic standing at the University of Minnesota
- meet half-time enrollment status minimum

**Deadline:** 4:30pm on the first Friday of June (June 5, 2015)

**Link:** [https://diversity.umn.edu/women/macphersonscholarship](https://diversity.umn.edu/women/macphersonscholarship)

**Jeanette Rankin Foundation: JRF Women’s Scholarship Fund**

**Details:** provides scholarships and support for low-income women 35 and older to build better lives through college completion girls

**Eligibility:**
- women woman, age 35 or older
- Low-income
- A U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States
• Pursuing a technical or vocational education, an associate's degree, or a first bachelor's degree
• Enrolled in, or accepted to, a regionally or ACICS accredited school

**Deadline:** March 1st of every year

**Link:** [http://www.rankinfoundation.org/students/eligibility/](http://www.rankinfoundation.org/students/eligibility/)

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**The Talbots Women’s Scholarship Program**

**Amount:** one $30,000 Nancy Talbot Scholarship Award and thirty $5,000 awards

**Eligibility:**

- currently residing in the United States or Canada
- earned a high school diploma or their GED on or before September 2004
- enrolled or planning to enroll in full- or part-time undergraduate study at an accredited two-, three- or four-year college or university in the United States or Canada
- attending the full 2015-16 academic year and receiving a degree no earlier than May 2015
- at least two semesters (24 credit hours or more) remaining to complete an undergraduate degree as of the beginning of the 2015 fall academic term

**Deadline:** only the first 5,000 eligible applications submitted will be processed

**Link:** [https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/talbotswomen/instructions.php](https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/talbotswomen/instructions.php)

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**Scholarships and Opportunities for Domestic Violence Survivors:**

**Women’s Independence Scholarship Program (WISP)**

**Amount:** no set dollar amount, smallest award has been $250, average award is around $2,000 per school term

**Details:**

- goal is to help survivors of intimate partner abuse obtain an education that will offer them the chance to secure employment, personal independence and self-sufficiency
- support is available for full or part-time students interested in attending accredited programs at educational institutions listed below, in order of preference:
  - state supported community colleges
  - state supported colleges or universities
  - technical/vocational schools
  - private colleges or universities
  - for-profit schools
- first priority awards are for tuition, books and fees for undergraduate or basic training
- next priority is to assist in reducing indirect financial barriers to education (childcare, transportation, etc.) women and girls

**Eligibility:**

- women who have been parted from an abusive partner for a minimum of one year
- funding may be limited, but women who have been parted from their batterers for more than five years are also eligible
- special consideration will be given to those interested in using their education to further the rights of, and options for, women and girls

**Deadline:**
- there is no cutoff date, they accept applications at any time
- applications should be submitted as early as possible, but no later than 2 months before the start date of the program to be attended
- apps received after that period might not be reviewed in time for funds to be awarded by the desired date
- applications are handled in the order in which they are received in complete form, and it will take up to two months to review a new application

**Link:** [http://www.wispinc.org/Scholarship/WISPFAQs/tabid/65/Default.aspx](http://www.wispinc.org/Scholarship/WISPFAQs/tabid/65/Default.aspx)

**Alice Barton Scholarship Program**

**Details:** for women who are survivors of domestic violence  
**Amount:** 23 scholarships of $1000 each awards  
**Eligibility:** all survivors are welcome to apply but priority is given to women who  
- are seeking their first college degree or technical job training  
- have been referred by a local domestic violence program  
- have completed the Allstate Foundation Literacy curriculum (see scholarship below) or other local financial literacy program

**Deadline:**

**Link:** [http://www.icadv.org/#!alice-barton-scholarship-program/c1hb0](http://www.icadv.org/#!alice-barton-scholarship-program/c1hb0)

**Allstate Foundation: Moving Ahead Financial Empowerment Curriculum**

**Details:**
- not a scholarship, but an opportunity to learn more about financial independence and stability  
- offers webinars, readings, some local programs  
- curriculum about finances as well as career planning  
- available in Spanish and English

**Link:** [http://www.allstatefoundation.org/domestic_violence_grants_programs.html](http://www.allstatefoundation.org/domestic_violence_grants_programs.html)

**Robin’s Empowerment Fund**

**Details:**
- for *adults* who are survivors of domestic violence  
- provides emergency funds for victims and children immediately after escaping an abusive home  
- funding for things such as moving or transportation costs, utility costs, medical expenses, hotel rental, etc.

**Amount:** up to $2000  
**Eligibility:**
- must be working with a domestic violence shelter, program, or coalition (or have sufficient evidence to sustain claim)
• everyone is encouraged to apply even if their need isn’t listed because special circumstances do arise

**Deadline:** December 1, 2014  
**Link:** [http://beginningover.org/scholarships/](http://beginningover.org/scholarships/)

**General Federation of Women’s Clubs**

**Amount:** $2500 scholarships available  
**Eligibility:**  
• survivor of intimate partner abuse  
• citizen or permanent legal resident of the US  
• enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited public or private post-secondary or vocational institution  
• recommended by a licensed domestic violence agency and/or counselor or social worker (willing to provide info on behalf of applicant)

**Deadline:** February 6, 2015  
**Link:** [http://www.gfwc.org/gfwc/Success_for_Survivors_Scholarship.asp](http://www.gfwc.org/gfwc/Success_for_Survivors_Scholarship.asp)

**Children Impacted by Crime Scholarship Fund**

**Eligibility:**  
• for individuals 18 or older who were victims of crime as children or the child of an inmate  
• have had an immediate family member victimized by crime

**Deadline:** apply between March 1st and June 1st  
**Link:** [http://www.writeaprisoner.com/inmate-victim-scholarship/](http://www.writeaprisoner.com/inmate-victim-scholarship/)

**Other Resources:**

**Violence Against Women** (great list of scholarships, might have some repeats from above):


**Scholarships for Women** (another good list, probably more repeats too)

[http://www.scholarshipsforwomen.net/abused/](http://www.scholarshipsforwomen.net/abused/)