

Scholarship Application 2024

Mercer County Women for Women

To Financial Aid Director/School Counselor/Librarian:

Our organization would appreciate your assistance in copying this cover page along with the enclosed application and checklist, and in making the package available to female students/library patrons. Please destroy all previous applications. Only the current 2024 application will be considered.

To the applicant:

Mercer County Women for Women will be awarding four (4) scholarships this year. The Nancy Watkins Memorial Scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$1000. The Mary Louck scholarship, plus two additional Women for Women Community Scholarships, will be awarded for \$500 each. These are available to female residents of Mercer County of any age who wish to further their education. This is not explicitly for high school seniors. Women pursuing 2-year, 4-year, vocational, or post-graduate education are welcome to apply. Scholarship recipients in 2023 are not eligible to apply, but previous winners in 2022 and earlier years may apply again.

The award checks will be presented at our June meeting on Tuesday June 18, 2024 at 6pm.

Please complete the attached application and send/deliver it, along with two letters of recommendation, to our organization:

Mercer County Women for Women

608 SE 2nd Avenue

Aledo, IL 61231

c/o Ashlie Dellitt Fuller

Your application packet (with letters of recommendation included) may be mailed or hand delivered. It MUST be received by Friday April 5, 2024 at 5 p.m. to be considered.

CHECKLIST

Make sure you can answer yes to the following questions:

- **Have you completed the Scholarship Application for 2024? (Applications from previous years will NOT be considered.)**
- **Are all blanks on the application filled in with an answer or “N/A” (Not Applicable)? Do not leave any space blank.**
- **Are all words spelled correctly?**
- **Have you proofread for spelling, grammar, and construction errors? Is your penmanship neat and easy to read?**
- **Are two letters of recommendation included?**
- **Did you sign and date the application?**

Each answer is scored individually; an overall score is also given for mechanics (spelling, grammar, construction). Answer each question to the best of your ability. Thank you for applying!

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This section must be completed in full to be considered for a scholarship.

Name	
Complete Address	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	
Additional Contact Name and Phone #	
High School	
Graduation Date/Year	
Parent/Guardian (for high school students only)	
School you plan to attend	

Please respond to all questions on the following pages with complete sentences. You may use and attach a separate sheet of paper for longer questions. Please respond “N/A” to any questions that are not applicable to you.

1. Briefly give an overview of your high school/post-high school studies, including any class(es) particularly impactful to you personally.

2. Please describe any (1) school related extra-curricular activities, (2) community activities, and/or (3) employment.

3. What are your career goals, and if applicable, other professional goals?

4. Describe your previous involvement in this field or any related areas – as a volunteer, employee, or student.

5. Tell us anything else about your financial need that might help us make a more accurate assessment in this area. Please include general information (personal details are not necessary) about circumstances that would make our scholarship particularly helpful to you. (Some examples include: a parent’s unemployment, multiple siblings, multiple siblings in college at the same time, parents will not be contributing toward education, or a parent facing illness.)

6. Aside from school, work, and extra-curricular or community activities, please tell us a little about yourself.

7. State the reasons for your choice in career.

8. Our organization seeks to educate and empower women through fellowship, education, and service opportunities. Our \$1,000 scholarship is named after our former member, Nancy Watkins, who was a career educator and served tirelessly in our community. She certainly impacted many through her career and volunteer work. Please tell us about

someone in your life who has inspired you to make a difference in the lives of others.

9. Please include TWO letters of recommendation with this application from people who know you well. Some examples include teachers, counselors, present employer, former employer, and clergy. Be sure to choose people who know your strengths, who will be specific, and who will give us a view of you as a well-rounded person.

Signature and Date _____

Mercer County Women for Women thanks you for completing this application and wishes you the very best in the plans to continue your education. Please send/deliver the completed 2024 application with two letters of recommendation to our organization:

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