

Rockford Network of Professional Women Scholarship Application



Rockford Network of Professional Women is pleased to offer two educational scholarships in 2012: a \$2,000 scholarship to a woman beginning her first year of college, and a \$2,500 scholarship to a woman who has completed at least one year of college credit. Applicants need to be 23 years of age or older, living in the Greater Rockford area, and wishing to enrich their professional lives. Applicants may be a member of Rockford Network of Professional Women, but it is not a requirement. Scholarships must be used for coursework toward a degreed program.

Criteria for either scholarship are:

- **Financial need** – include a detailed list of costs, finance plans, and sources of additional financial help.
- **Demonstrated leadership** – describe 2 or more specific experiences exemplifying leadership.
- **Long-term career goals** – list career goals and explain how this scholarship will enhance them.
- **Previous work experience and/or community involvement** – explain the value work experience and/or community involvement has had for you.
- **Quality & completeness of application** – follow the application instructions below; include all requested information and materials; submit the entire packet postmarked by April 1.

Application Instructions

- Write a typed, single-spaced essay no longer than two pages that addresses the scholarship criteria. (No handwritten essays will be accepted).
- Submit two letters of reference, your resume and the essay.
- Send to:
Rockford Network, c/o Jan Bowman, 5411 E. State St. #306, Rockford, IL 61108
Include your name and full contact information (address, phone, email).
- To receive the \$2,500 scholarship, a transcript showing proof of completion of at least one year of college credit must be submitted no later than June 1.
- Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2012.
- All information and requested documentation must be submitted in order for your application to be considered.
- Finalists qualifying for an interview with the Scholarship Committee will be notified by May 1, 2012.
- Scholarships are awarded in June.

For further information, please contact Scholarship Chair Jan Bowman directly at scholarship@rockfordnetwork.biz or at 815-262-9497.

Applicants may also visit our website at:
www.rockfordnetwork.biz.

Rockford Network of Professional Women, formed in 1981, is a group of women who join forces in support of other women in civic, professional and personal pursuits.

Thank you for your interest in Rockford Network of Professional Women!