# BPW/NC Women Veterans Grant Eligibility and Application

The Women Joining Forces Grant complements the Business and Professional Women’s (BPW) Foundation programs (Joining Forces Mentoring Plus®, Joining Forces for Women Veterans and Connect-A-Vet) all of which help provide the tools, outreach, and capacity to engage women mentors and assist women veterans, military and veteran spouses and caregivers of wounded warriors find meaningful jobs and advance in their current careers. (<http://bpwfoundation.org/>)

The Women Joining Forces in NC Grant Program is offered by the North Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs (BPW/NC). For more information about the BPW/NC, visit [www.bpw-nc.org](http://www.bpw-nc.org) .

## TIMING / AMOUNT

The Grant program is always open for submissions, with this year’s deadline being **April 1, 2018**.

Two non-repayable grants of $500 will be awarded. BPW/NC WJF Selection Committee determines the recipient based on the information provided in the application.

## ELIGIBILITY

* Women who are veterans or current service members of the US Armed Forces
* Women who are spouses of US servicemembers
* All branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, to include Guard, Reserve and Coast Guard
* North Carolina resident or assigned to a North Carolina military installation

## CRITERIA

Grant recipients should represent a rich and diverse set of backgrounds, experiences and ambitions, and will be selected based on strong leadership potential and a drive to make a positive impact on others through service.

## What specific criteria will be considered for selecting BPW NC Women Joining Forces Grant?

* Educational and career ambitions
* Record of military service; motivation for serving
* Record of personal achievement
* Desire to continue to professional development and make a positive impact on your

 community

* Leadership potential
* Compelling, thoughtful, genuine and thorough essay question responses

**How to Apply:** Email completed applications to the BPW/NC WJF Chair Barbara Bozeman at ncjoiningforces@gmail.com or via postal mail to Barbara Bozeman, WJF Chair, 102 Wildwood Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27530

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# (Deadline April 1, 2018)

To apply for this grant please complete the following information. If more space is needed, please submit additional sheet(s).

**General Information:**

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| Street Address |  |  DOB |  |
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| Phone |  | E-mail Address |  |
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| Branch of Service |  | Dates of Service |  | Type of Discharge  |  |

## ESSAY QUESTIONS

There are three essay questions listed below. Please try to answer each question completely – and use additional pages as required.

Though question 1 is worded for a servicemember, please relate that question to your experiences as a military spouse, if you are not the servicemember.

1. Describe why you joined the U.S. military. Explain how this decision impacted your life and your ambitions. What is the most important lesson you learned during your training and/or service? (If you are not or were not a servicemember, relate the above question to your experiences as a family member)
2. Share your professional development and career goals. How will you incorporate your military service experience into these goals? (If you are not or were not a servicemember, relate the above question to your experiences as a family member)
3. If awarded this grant how will you use the funds to further your career, professional development or business initiatives?