Hello Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the North Carolina Business and Professional Women’s Foundation, Inc. Scholarships. There are four (4) named scholarships that are available:

* $1000 BPW Foundation Scholarship
* $1000 Elsie G. Riddick Scholarship
* $1000 Ruth Moss Easterling Scholarship
* $1000 Joyce V. Lawrence Scholarship

Included in this packet is a description of the scholarships and an application form. Please pay close attention to the application instructions on page two of the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please note that we require three (3) copies of each application and attachments; one for each for the three judges reviewing your application.

Postmarked no later than April 15, 2017, apply for only one of the four scholarships. We look forward to hearing from you and good luck to all the applicants!

Sincerely,

Carol Ambrose

BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship Chair

Business and Professional Women (BPW) has clubs across the state of North Carolina. Founded in 1919, BPW/NC promotes equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information. BPW/NC offers members professional development programs, networking, participation in grassroots activities, and opportunities to support and help other women through scholarships.

The Foundation of Business and Professional Women of North Carolina (BPW/NC) is pleased to issue a call for scholarship applications to female candidates. BPW/NC offers four types of scholarships as described below. Applicants must be citizens of the United States and attend a community college, college, or university accredited by the Southern Association of College and Schools. The Scholarship Committee will advise applicants of their decision by June 1, 2017. Recipients will be invited to attend the Foundation Luncheon at State Conference to be held in Rocky Mount, NC on Saturday, June 24, 2017. Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified. Scholarship questions should be directed to Carol Ambrose, BPW/NC Scholarship Chair by phone at (704)362-2066 or by email at carolambrose@mindspring.com.

1. **BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship (Five one thousand ($1,000) dollar scholarships)**

The BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship was created in 1996 by the BPW/NC Foundation Board of Directors. In June 2017, the BPW/NC Foundation will award five scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each.

Qualifications for a woman who wishes to be a candidate must:

* Be enrolled for fall in either an accredited community college or a four-year college/university in the sophomore, junior or senior year or graduate study.
* Require financial assistance to obtain goals.
* Have a definite career plan.
1. **Elsie G. Riddick Scholarship (One thousand ($1,000) dollar scholarship)**

Established in 1925, the Elsie G. Riddick Scholarship is named for one of the first BPW/NC Presidents. Since 1972, it has been administered as a scholarship fund. In June 2017, the Elsie G. Riddick Scholarship will be in the amount of $1,000

Qualifications for a woman who wishes to be a candidate must:

* Be currently enrolled in either an accredited community college or a four-year college/university in the sophomore, junior, or senior year.
* Require financial assistance to obtain goals.
* Have a definite career plan
* Major field of study in business or professional career.
1. **Ruth Moss Easterling Scholarship (One thousand ($1,000) dollar scholarship)**

Established in 1995, the Ruth Moss Easterling Scholarship was named for Ruth, BPW/NC 1964-1965 State President, and 1970-1971 National BPW President. First elected to the North Carolina Legislature in 1976, the Honorable Ruth Moss Easterling served in the North Carolina House of Representatives for thirteen terms,. She was a staunch advocate for women’s rights and was instrumental in establishing the Commission on the Status of Women. In June 2017, the Ruth Moss Easterling Scholarship will be in the amount of $1,000.

A woman who wishes to be a candidate must:

* Be enrolled for Fall 2017 in either an accredited community college or a four-year college in law (to include legal secretary) or public administration or political science.
* Require financial assistance to obtain goals.
* Have a definite career plan.
1. **Joyce V. Lawrence Scholarship (One thousand ($1,000) dollar scholarship)**

The Joyce V. Lawrence Scholarship was named for the BPW/NC 1986-1987 State President. Previously named the Joyce V. Lawrence Endowment, the Foundation Board of Directors took action in June 2009, to designate the fund the Joyce V. Lawrence Scholarship Fund to facilitate awarding a scholarship at a time when the need is so great. Dr. Lawrence was Dean of the Appalachian State University’s Cratis D. Williams Graduate School from 1980-1996. She served as Dean when few women occupied academic administrative positions. Well-known statewide and nationally as one of the pioneers in graduate education, she spent a lifetime promoting scholarships and research. In June 2017, the Joyce Lawrence Scholarship will be in the amount of $1,000.

A woman who wishes to be a candidate must:

* Be currently enrolled in either an accredited community college or a four-year college in a major related to the field of education.
* Require financial assistance to obtain goals.
* Have a definite career plan.

**SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BY APRIL 15, 2017**

* + **Completed application form**
	+ **Official transcript** **of scholastic record**
	+ **Personal Statement**
	+ **Current Resume**

**Return completed application, transcript, and personal statement to:**

**Carol Ambrose, BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship Chair, 2300 Cloister Drive, Charlotte, NC 28211**

**A.** **COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION**

**SCHOLARSHIP NAME:** *(YOU MAY APPLY FOR ONLY ONE)*

**FOUNDATION** **[ ]**  | **ELSIE G. RIDDICK** [ ]  | **RUTH MOSS EASTERLING** [ ]  | **JOYCE V. LAWRENCE** [ ]

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| **APPLICATION** |
| **TO STUDENT: Please complete the following information. If more space is needed, please submit additional sheet(s).** |
| Last Name:      | First Name:       | Middle Initial:       | Date: Click here to enter a date. |
| Classification in Fall 2017[ ] Sophmore [ ] Junior [ ] Senior [ ] Graduate Student | Enrollment Status:[ ] Full-time [ ] Half-time [ ] Less than half-time |
| Name and Address of Institution/School:      | Currently Enrolled?  [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| Your Mailing Address at School:       | City, State, Zip     ,      ,       | Your School Email Address      | Your School Phone (Area Code)      |
| Home Street Address      | City, State, Zip     ,      ,       | Your Home Email Address      | Your Home Phone (Area Code)      |
| Cumulative GPA | Expected Degree: | Major Field of Study: | Expected Date of Graduation: |
|       | [ ] Other [ ] AA/AS [ ] BA/BS [ ] MA/MS [ ] PhD |       |       |
| Current or Last Employer: | Will You Continue to Work While Enrolled? |
|       | [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| **FINANCIAL DATA** |
| Total Annual Tuition & Required Fees: $      |
| **Expected Resources for School** |
| From Family (yourself, spouse, parents) | From Friends or Relatives | From Savings | From Other Financial Aid | Total Expected Resources: |
| $      | $      | $      | $      | $      |

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Submit three (3) copies of this application and the following attachments:
2. Attachments:
	1. Most recent grade transcript (high school or college, whichever is applicable.)
		1. All applications must include **one** (1) **Official transcript** with school seal
		2. ***Applications without an Official transcript will be disallowed***.
	2. Three (3) copies of the personal statement.
	3. Graduate Students: Please attach a copy of your acceptance letter and an official transcript from last school attended.
	4. Returning Students after Break: Please attach a copy of your acceptance letter and an official transcript from last school attended.
3. **Application Deadline: April 15, 2016.** All application forms and attachments must be sent together and must be postmarked on or before **April 15, 2016.**
4. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
5. All awards will be sent directly to the school for the fall session of 2016.
6. Mail application and attachments to:

Carol Ambrose
Scholarship Chair
2300 Cloister Drive
Charlotte, NC 28211

 Questions: Please call Carol at 704-362-2066