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Rikki Goldstein Family Scholarship Application

The Educational Empowerment Scholarships will be awarded to female survivors of domestic violence who are improving self-sufficiency through educational attainment. The intent is to assist recipients through case management and financial support. This program will benefit individuals who are actively seeking to improve their job outcomes through advanced educational attainment. Scholarship awards are limited to tuition, books, rent, utilities, and childcare. Aid will be provided based on financial needs and after exhausting other community resources. Award amounts are at the discretion of the Advisory Council.

Guidelines for the Educational Empowerment Scholarship Program:

Scholarships are open to survivors of domestic violence who have been removed from the abusive situation for at least 6 months.

Student applicants must meet the following guidelines:

- Must be a resident of Fort Wayne or the surrounding area
- Preferably over age 18
- Motivated with goals of completing higher education - apprenticeship or 2-4 year college education
- Intention to enroll in State accredited university or Union certified apprenticeship training
- Exhibit high financial need as demonstrated by an income of less than 200% of poverty level
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale. If the participant is placed on academic probation, the participant will have (1) semester to elevate GPA and show good academic standing
- Be willing to maintain a full-time course load, minimum of 12 credit hours per semester
- Attend an educational institution and pursue a degree or certification that does not require religious practice.
- Degree selection must lead to career opportunities that elevate the participant's standard of living. STEM and/or computer science pursuit are encouraged. Degrees in child care, beauty school or entry-level healthcare (such as CNA) will not be considered.
- Scholarship recipients must attend on-campus classes for a minimum of (2) semesters. Successful students (as measured by GPA of 3.0 or greater) may be allowed to take online classes upon Empowerment Advocates recommendation and Advisory Council's approval.
- Must have acquired acceptance to, or be enrolled at the college of his/her choice by the fall semester of year scholarship is awarded.

Student must deliver the completed application form and all requested documents to:

Goldstein Family Scholarship
c/o Abby Greutman
YWCA Northeast Indiana
5920 Decatur Rd
Fort Wayne, IN 46816

Email: scholarship@ywcaerew.org

Please Contact YWCA Northeast Indiana (260) 424-4908 to request assistance with the completion of the application if needed.

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Applicant's Full Name _____

Applicant Information:

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Date of Birth _____

Highest level of Education Completed _____
(please attach transcript)

Education Information:

Present School Information (if applicable)

School Name _____

Address _____

Number of credits achieved _____

What Training will you attend in coming fall ? _____

Have you been accepted? Yes/No

If No, Anticipated Date of Acceptance _____

How many credits do you intend to pursue per semester? _____

Anticipated Date of Graduation _____

Income Information:

Are you currently employed? Yes/No

If Yes, Current Employer _____

Current Annual Employment Income _____

Number of Dependents _____

Are you currently receiving government assistance of any kind? Please list amount if received:

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- _____ Unemployment - monthly
- _____ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (Food Stamp)- monthly
- _____ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)- monthly
- _____ TANF Transportation Services
- _____ TANF Child Care Services
- _____ WIC
- _____ Section 8, Public Housing, or Other Ongoing Rental Assistance (PSH)
- _____ Temporary rental assistance (RRH)
- _____ SSI – monthly (Supplemental Security Income)
- _____ Retirement income from Social Security
- _____ Child Support – monthly
- _____ Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) - monthly
- _____ Worker's Compensation-monthly
- _____ Pension from a former job- monthly
- _____ Alimony or other spousal support- monthly
- _____ Veteran's Disability Payment- monthly
- _____ Veteran's Pension- monthly
- _____ Other – monthly (specify): _____

Have you completed a FAFSA for the upcoming school year? Yes/ No

If No, Are you willing to do so? Yes/ No

What are your goals in college and what are your career plans after you complete your education?

How has domestic violence impacted your life?

What difference do you think education will make in your life?

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What educational barriers could this scholarship help you overcome?

Please initial the following statements to signify your understanding of the requirements of this program:

I understand that acceptance in this scholarship program will require me to meet with an advocate on a regular basis. _____

I understand that I will be required to work with an advocate to determine my course load and educational objectives, including course selection and drop & add of courses. _____

I understand that I will be required to report all grades and disciplinary actions of the college I attend to my advocate. _____

I understand that if I do not maintain a GPA of at least 2.7 that I may lose the financial assistance of this scholarship program. _____

I understand that I am expected to carry a full-time consecutive course load. _____

Applicant Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____