



# North Carolina Business and Professional Women's Foundation

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:

- Elsie G. Riddick Scholarship
- Ruth Moss Easterling Scholarship
- Joyce V. Lawrence Scholarship
- BPW/NC Foundation 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 (three (3) copies of current resume, personal statement, and one (1) official transcript with seal plus two (2) copies of official transcript); one packet for each for the three judges reviewing your application. **Please do not staple papers.**

Please note, personal letters of recommendation are not required and if provided, will not be considered during the decision process. Please do not include any extra information, except as requested.

Postmarked no later than April 15, 2021, apply for only ONE of the four scholarships. We look forward to hearing from you and good luck to all the applicants!

Sincerely,

Patricia W. Sledge  
BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship Chair  
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(336) 247-3088



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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 North Carolina Business and Professional Women's Foundation (BPW/NC Foundation) is pleased to issue a call for scholarship applications to female candidates. BPW/NC Foundation offers four types of scholarships as described below. Applicants must be citizens of the United States and attend a community college, college, university, or graduate studies accredited by the Southern Association of College and Schools. The Scholarship Committee will advise applicants of their decision by June 5, 2021. Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified. Scholarship questions should be directed to Patricia W. Sledge, BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship Chair by phone at (336) 247-3088 or by email at [patricia.sledge@outlook.com](mailto:patricia.sledge@outlook.com).

## **I. Elsie G. Riddick Scholarship (One 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 2021, the Elsie G. Riddick Scholarship will be in the amount of up to \$1,500.

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

- Be United States citizen.
- 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.

## **II. Ruth Moss Easterling Scholarship (One 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 2021, the Ruth Moss Easterling Scholarship will be in the amount of up to \$1,500.

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

- Be a United States citizen.
- Be enrolled for Fall 2021 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.

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### **III. Joyce V. Lawrence Scholarship (One 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 2021, the Joyce Lawrence Scholarship will be in the amount of up to \$1,500.

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

- Be United States citizen.
- 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.

### **IV. BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship (Eight Scholarships)**

The BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship was created in 1996 by the BPW/NC Foundation Board of Directors. In June 2021, the BPW/NC Foundation will award eight scholarships (four undergraduate and four graduate) of up to \$1,500.

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

- Be United States citizen.
- 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.

Please be sure to review the information on [www.bpw-nc.org](http://www.bpw-nc.org) to make sure you have the most recent and up-to-date information and current application.



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**SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BY APRIL 15, 2021**

- ⇒ Completed application form (3 copies)
- ⇒ Official transcript of scholastic record (1 copy)
- ⇒ Personal Statement (3 copies)
- ⇒ Current Resume (3 copies)

**Return completed application, transcript, and personal statement to: (Please do not staple pages)**

⇒ Patricia W. Sledge, BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship Chair, 504 Charles St, Spencer, NC 28159-1704

**A. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION**

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

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

APPLICATION			
<b>TO STUDENT: Please complete the following information. If more space is needed, please submit additional sheet(s).</b>			
Last Name:		First Name:	Middle Initial:
			Date of Birth: Date of Application:
Classification in Fall 2021 <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Student		Enrollment Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time <input type="checkbox"/> Half-time <input type="checkbox"/> Less than half-time	
Name and Address of Institution/School:		Currently Enrolled? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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:
Current or Last Employer:		Will You Continue to Work While Enrolled?	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
FINANCIAL DATA			
Total Annual Tuition & Required Fees: \$			
Expected Resources for School			
From Family (yourself, spouse, parents)	From Other Financial Aid		Total Expected Resources:
\$	\$		\$

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



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## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Submit three (3) copies of this application and the following attachments (**DO NOT STAPLE PAGES**):
2. Attachments:
  - a. Most recent grade transcript (high school or college, whichever is applicable.)
    - i. All applications must include **one (1) Official transcript** with school seal
    - ii. ***Applications without an Official transcript will be disallowed.***
  - b. Three (3) copies of the personal statement.
  - c. Graduate Students: Please attach a copy of your acceptance letter from school you will attend and an official transcript from last session of the school attended. If you are currently attending a graduate school, please submit the latest official transcript.
  - d. 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, 2021.** All application forms and attachments must be sent together and must be postmarked on or before **April 15, 2021**.
4. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
5. All awards will be sent directly to the school for the fall session of 2021.
6. Mail application and attachments to:

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**Questions:** Please call Patricia W. Sledge at (336) 247-3088 or feel free to email at [patricia.sledge@outlook.com](mailto:patricia.sledge@outlook.com). Please be sure to review the information on [www.bpw-nc.org](http://www.bpw-nc.org) to make sure you have the most recent and up-to-date information and current application.