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Dear Legislative Assistants,

**Please share this information with your legislators' districts office.
Thanks for your help.**

The Conference of Women Legislators (COWL) has established a scholarship fund to assist mature women (age 25 and older) who wish to continue their undergraduate education. The goal of the scholarship is to focus on deserving, qualified women whose educations were interrupted due to family concerns and economic problems. Particular consideration will emphasize women who have shown leadership promise through community service.

The one year undergraduate scholarship will cover tuition, books and fees up to \$2500 per year, including summer school. Applicants for the scholarship must meet certain requirements to be eligible. In addition to being a woman 25 years of age or older, she must be an Illinois resident and plan to attend an accredited on-campus school in Illinois for at least six semester hours (online college are not eligible).

Copies of the forms are attached but all scholarship application instructions and forms may be downloaded from the COWL website www.cowlil.com

Application materials must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2014 to be considered and all applicants will be notified by April 30, 2014.COWL Scholarship Program for 2014-2015 Academic Year

We encourage you to share this information with your constituents.

Deborah Murphy, COWL



Conference of Women Legislators
P.O. Box 10161 · Springfield, IL 62791

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for contacting the Conference of Women Legislators (COWL) regarding your interest in a COWL Scholarship. Please note that the COWL Scholarships are for students pursuing an undergraduate degree.

The COWL Scholarship seeks to maximize educational opportunities for all income levels by offering tuition assistance to mature (age 25 or older), deserving women who show evidence of furthering their education in order to make a contribution to their government, children, families, and community. The one-year undergraduate scholarship will cover tuition, books and fees up to \$2500 per year, including summer school.

COWL endeavors to support women who, for various reasons, have not had the opportunity to begin or complete their education at an earlier stage due to life changes and/or financial difficulties. Further, COWL encourages women of all races, religions, creeds, and ethnic backgrounds to apply for the scholarship.

Applicants for the scholarship must meet certain requirements to be eligible. In addition to being a woman 25 years of age or older, she must be an Illinois resident and plan to attend an accredited on-campus school in Illinois for at least six semester hours. (Online colleges are not eligible.)

Your application materials, postmarked no later than **March 31, 2014** must include the following items:

- Application form
- Two reference letters
- Personal background and goals essay
- Official transcripts from the last two academic years attended.
- List of all institutions of higher education you've attended
- Signed waiver form with notary public signature and seal

The Awards Committee will consider service work or volunteer activities that promote the welfare of women, families, and community as well as demonstrated leadership in creating a new approach, program, or strategy that benefits them. You should provide some evidence of continuity in the work you have performed. Your reference letters should address this aspect of your background.

www.cowlil.com

Your application form and all supporting documents and materials should be unbound, unstapled and returned to:

COWL Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 10161
Springfield, IL 62791

COWL will send notification letters to the scholarship applicants by April 30, 2014.

If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at cowl.ilga@yahoo.com.

Very truly yours,

COWL Co-Chairs

Jacqueline G. Collins
State Senator

Jil Tracy
State Representative

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SCHOLARSHIP WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY

If I am awarded a COWL Scholarship offered by the Scholarship Committee of the Illinois Conference of Women Legislators for the 2014-2015 academic year, I hereby give permission to have my name released to the public, as a scholarship winner, along with the name of the educational institution I will be attending.

I further attest to the accuracy of the information included on my application. If selected as a recipient, any misrepresentation of information or false documentation will result in automatic forfeiture of the scholarship.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Witness Signature

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE (_____) _____

FAX (_____) _____ EMAIL _____

HIGH SCHOOL: GED HIGH SCHOOL H.S. NAME _____

H.S. CITY & STATE _____ YEAR OF GRADUATION/GED _____

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION (Universities, Community Colleges, Technical/Trade Schools, Certificate Programs, or Military Service) – ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGE(S) AS NEEDED.

NAME _____ CITY & STATE _____

DEGREE/CERTIFICATE/AWARD GRANTED _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY COWL SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE APPLIED _____

ADDRESS _____

NAME OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM/MAJOR: _____

ESSAY: Write a one to two (1-2) page essay on the importance of this scholarship to you. Include why you are motivated to continue your education as a mature woman, and how you can make a contribution to other women, families, children and your community, as a result of furthering your education.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS: Attach any documents that would strengthen your consideration for this scholarship.

REFERENCES: Please request two (2) strong letters of reference from people who are familiar with your contributions to sources that focus on serving women, children, families and local resources for these populations. This should specifically speak to the nature and quality of your community service work and how it has benefited or influenced the lives of these people. Request that your letters of references be printed on the organization letterhead/stationary of the author and include signature and title of the author. Include this reference letter with your application, personal essay and other documents.

Applicants must also submit a completed COWL "Scholarship Waiver of Confidentiality" form.