



2012 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Professional BusinessWomen of California (PBWC) is pleased to announce that our 23rd Annual Conference will take place on Tuesday, May 15th 2012 at Moscone West in San Francisco. Our theme is Connect. Innovate. Inspire.

The PBWC Conference provides a forum for advancing the professional and personal development of women through tools, resources, training and true inspiration. It is the largest women's conference of its kind in Northern California.

Additionally, high school seniors and undergraduate college students attending as part of PBWC Young Women's Summit interact with successful female leaders and are challenged to achieve their own future career goals.

As part of the conference, PBWC will award three (3) academic scholarships to California female High School Seniors. Additional scholarships will be awarded if funding permits. The scholarship award will be sent directly to a designated accredited college or university where the student will be enrolled in an undergraduate academic program.

Scholarship winners must be present on May 15th at the San Francisco Moscone West Center in order to receive the award. An additional conference ticket will be provided to each winner for a parent or chaperone who is required to attend with the winner.

All completed applications and supporting documentation must be submitted electronically and received by 5:00 PM March 9, 2012. Scholarship winners will be notified by April 25, 2012. Completed application packages should be emailed to: scholarships@pbwc.org.

Thank you for your interest in the PBWC scholarship program.

Debi Hemmeter
Executive Director, PBWC

Shirley Gordon
PBWC Board of Directors
Chair, Scholarship Committee

Applicant Name: _____ Phone # _____ Email: _____

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Current: _____
(Street) (City) (State & Zip)

Telephone: _____
(Day) (Evening)

E-mail: _____

*Note: In the following application sections (i.e., Education, Employment, etc.), list all information in chronological order with the most recent first. Any additional information or a resume should be included at the end of the application.

II. EDUCATION:

Phone Number: _____ Counselor Name _____

Name of High School	Dates Attended	GPA
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

III. SPECIAL INTERESTS/SKILLS/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Please list civic and volunteer or special interest activities with which you have been involved (or upload resume).

Applicant Name: _____ Phone # _____ Email: _____

IV . REFERENCES:

Please provide three references qualified to evaluate your character, ability and accomplishments. **All three reference letters must be attached to this application electronically.** NOTE: The letters of recommendation will be subject to verification.

1) Academic Reference:

Name: _____

Organization/Title: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State & Zip)

Telephone: _____

2) School Counselor:

Name: _____

Organization/Title: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State & Zip)

Telephone: _____

3) Non-academic reference

Name: _____

Organization/Title: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State & Zip)

Telephone: _____

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V. ESSAY:

Answers for the essay portion of the application must be double-spaced with a limit of no more than 2 pages in size 10 font.

1) Autobiographical Information and Career Plans

Please indicate your career plans, future goals and why you believe you are a worthy recipient of the PBWC Scholarship Award. **Describe what leadership means to you and how you have demonstrated “leadership” in your life.** Also include how you are planning on funding your college education.

I certify that all of the above information is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

How did you hear about this PBWC scholarship program?

Important Note: All documents submitted become the property of the PBWC. Documents will not be returned.

Applicant Name: _____ Phone # _____ Email: _____

BUSINESSWOMEN OF CALIFORNIA (PBWC) 2012 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS Letter of Recommendation

* Note: Applicant should copy this page and distribute it to their three respective references for letters of recommendation.

The PBWC Scholarship Selection Committee appreciates your willingness to provide information to help evaluate the applicant's potential for future success. The applicant is required to submit three letters of recommendation:

Please return your letter of recommendation to the applicant and include the following information in your letter:

- 1) Name of applicant.
- 2) How long, and under what circumstances, you are familiar with the applicant's abilities and personal character.
- 3) Applicant's academic or work achievements and contributions to the community.
- 4) Applicant's potential for future success.
- 5) Any impediments or hardships of which you are aware that the applicant has had to overcome in order to attain success.
- 6) Applicant's motivation and initiative in pursuing academic and career goals.

According to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the applicant for whom this letter was written has the right to review and inspect the contents of her records, including this letter of recommendation. We shall consider all letters of recommendation carefully.

Print your name _____ Date _____

Title _____ Organization _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Please indicate the type of letter of recommendation:

Employer (if applicable)

Non-Academic

Academic (The Academic recommendation must be written on school letterhead)

Applicant Name: _____ Phone # _____ Email: _____

**PROFESSIONAL BUSINESSWOMEN OF CALIFORNIA
(PBWC)
2012 SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST**

The following items must be attached by email as part of the application package:

- Completed application (PDF file)
- Personal Essay: Including Autobiographical Information and Career Plans
- 3 Letters of recommendation (1 must be from your High School teacher or counselor)

Please note: Top finalist candidates may be subject to a brief phone interview. Scholarship must be applied to an academic or work program in an accredited institution and will be mailed directly by PBWC to the receiving organization.

PBWC reserves the right to have access to scholarship award recipients for media and video interviews. A 100 word (pre-screened) statement will be shared with the audience at the May 15th conference. Each scholarship award winner will have one parent/chaperone attend the May 15th San Francisco Conference and be prepared to supply their name to the scholarship committee by May 1st, 2012.