Esther Hample Scholarship

Bismarck-Mandan Business & Professional Women’s Club

Purpose

Esther Hample was born in 1901 in Oskaloosa, Iowa. She attended John Fletcher College (now Vennard College) in University Park, Iowa, where she studied biology. Esther taught high school in Iowa and Kentucky before moving to Bismarck in 1933. While in Bismarck, Esther continued her education by taking courses at universities in Iowa, North Dakota and Michigan. From 1959-1977, she was the Burleigh County Superintendent of Schools. In 1960, the Bismarck-Mandan Business and Professional Women’s Club (BPW) named Esther “Woman of the Year”. In 1976, the Bismarck Chapter of the National Secretaries Association named her “Boss of the Year”. That same year, Vennard College named Esther the “Distinguished Alumni” in the field of education. Esther was a member of McCabe Methodist Church, the Bismarck-Mandan Art Association, the Symphony League, the American Association of University Women, Zonta International and, of course, the Bismarck-Mandan Business & Professional Women’s Club. She was also active in other organizations including the Red Cross, Easter and Christmas Seals and other groups serving the state and community.

Esther never missed a BPW meeting, even after she started experiencing physical difficulties toward the end of her 91 years of life. Her original bequest to BPW was $1,333. Esther did a number of wonderful things in her lifetime and was well-respected. For these reasons, the Bismarck-Mandan Business & Professional Women’s Club wants to reward deserving women with this scholarship opportunity. The Bismarck-Mandan BPW Club has continued to add to the scholarship fund each year from various sources but mostly through monies raised via its annual golf tournament.

Criteria

The following criteria must be met in order to apply for the scholarship:

1. Applicants must be female.
2. Applicants must be at least 20 years old by August 31 of the application year.
3. Applicants must have graduated, or received a GED, from a Bismarck or Mandan school.
4. Applicants must be enrolled at an institute of higher learning, a Career/Technical School, Hair Academy or other Beauty School during the upcoming fall semester within the U.S.
5. Applicants who have previously attended a college/university or vocational school must have maintained at least a 2.5 GPA.
6. Preference will be given to the applicants who demonstrate the most financial need.
Esther Hample Scholarship Instructions

Scholarship Award Components

One (2) $1200 scholarship and two (2) $600 scholarship will be awarded to applicants chosen by the Bismarck-Mandan Business & Professional Women’s Club Scholarship Committee. The North Dakota Community Foundation is responsible for disbursing the payments for the scholarships, which are sent directly to the school the recipient is attending. Further details regarding the scholarships are listed below.

The scholarship funds will be disbursed in one payment at the start of the fall semester upon proof of enrollment to the NDCF.

Application Process - Applicant must submit the following:

1. A completed application form (incomplete applications will not be considered).

2. Two, typed letters of reference from high school teachers, college professors, community leaders and/or employers.

3. Your most current transcript showing GPA. If you have not attended school (high school or college) for 15 years or more, a transcript is not required. If you are currently attending a hairstyling school, please submit an official document showing proof of satisfactory progress. (A document on the school’s letterhead signed by the school’s financial aid director would suffice.)

4. Proof of enrollment in fall semester/quarter/session of the college, university, hair-styling school, or career/technical school you plan to attend.
Submit application packet to:
   Scholarship Committee
   Bismarck-Mandan Business & Professional Women’s Club
   PO Box 4064
   Bismarck ND 58502-4064

**Deadline** The application deadline is **June 1, 2020**. Applications postmarked after **June 1, 2020**, will not be considered. Scholarship announcements will be formally made at the Bismarck-Mandan Business and Professional Women’s Club golf tournament banquet the evening of **July 20, 2020**. Scholarship winners are strongly encouraged to attend and are allowed to bring one guest.

The chair of the Scholarship Committee will notify the recipients by phone and/or e-mail. Because only women participate in the golf tournament and attend the banquet, you may want to consider inviting a female as your guest.

**Name of person you will invite as your guest if selected:** ________________________________

**IMPORTANT:**

Please provide the name and address of the school where your scholarship check(s) should be mailed.

**School name:** ________________________________

**Office/department to send check to:** ________________________________

**Mailing address:** ________________________________

**City/State/Zip:** ________________________________
Esther Hample Scholarship Application

Full legal name: __________________________________ Date of birth: ____________________________

Home address: _________________________________ City/State/Zip: ________________________________

Phone (mobile): ___________________ Email: ______________________________________________________

School you graduated from or where you obtained your GED: ______________________________________

Month and year you obtained your diploma or GED: ______________________________________________

School planning on attending: __________________________________________________________________

Major: __________________________________ Minor: _____________________________________________

GPA: __________

Anticipated completion date: _______________

Briefly state your professional goals:
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________
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_____________________________________________________________________________________
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Financial Need Information

Are you planning on working while attending school?  ○ Yes  ○ No  __________________________

How many dependents do you have? ______  What are their ages? ___________________________

Do you or will you receive financial assistance from a spouse, parents, or guardian specifically for books,
tuition, fees and/or room and board?  ○ Yes  ○ No $1500 or Less

If yes, please indicate who is (will be) assisting you, the approximate amount that is being (will be)
provided to you and if the amount is for a semester, quarter, year, etc.
_____________________________________________________________________________________
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Do you or will you be obtaining any student loans?  ○ Yes  ○ No
How Much? _____________________________

During the fall semester did you receive any grants?  ○ Yes  ○ No
How Much? _____________________________
List all scholarships, to include amounts, you expect to receive during the 2020-2021 school year:

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_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________  

By signing below, I hereby state that the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant’s printed name: ______________________________________________________________

Applicant’s signature: ____________________________ Date: ______________________