Hello Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the North Carolina Business and Professional Women’s Foundation scholarships. There are four (4) named scholarships that are available:

* $1000 BPW Foundation Scholarship (2 each)
* $1000 Elsie G. Riddick Scholarship
* $1000 Ruth Moss Easterling Scholarship
* $1000 Joyce V. Lawrence Scholarship

Included in this packet are: a description of the scholarships, (1) one application and one (1) recommendation form. Please pay close attention to the application instructions on page two of the application.

Please note that we require three (3) copies of each application and attachments; each for the three judges reviewing your application.

Also please note the Recommendation Form. You are required to submit a personal and a professional recommendation.

Postmarked no later than April 15, 2014, apply for only one of the four scholarships. We look forward to hearing from you – and good luck to all the applicants!

Sincerely,

Marsha Riibner-Cady

BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship Chair

**Donor:** North Carolina Business and Professional Women’s Foundation Inc.

**Award:** Five scholarships of **$1000** each to be awarded by May 15, 2014. The scholarship will apply toward tuition or other defined school expenses and will be paid to the school on the recipient’s behalf. Application deadline: April 15, 2014. Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified. Scholarship questions should be directed to Marsha Riibner-Cady, BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship Chair by phone at (252) 423-0819 or by email at romarsci@gmail.com.

**Qualifications:**

* Applicant must be currently enrolled (full or part-time) at an accredited community college, college, or university – accredited by the Southern Association of College and Schools
* Applicant should have a career plan after completion of schooling, provide a summary of career goals, previous honors or community activities, and justify a need for the scholarship.
* Applicant must be female
* Applicant must be in good academic standing (2.5 GPA or higher)
* Applicant must complete an application form provided by the BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship Chair
* Applicant must submit the most recent grade transcript (high school or college, whichever is applicable.) Include **one** (1) **official transcript** with school seal & two (2) copies of this official transcript. ***Applications without an official transcript will be disallowed***.
* Applicant must complete two (2) Recommendation Forms
	+ One (1) Educational/Professional
	+ One (1) Personal

**APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE SENT TOGETHER and POSTMARKED BY APRIL 15, 2014.**

**How to Apply:** Email applications to the BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship Chair by Tuesday, April 15, 2014 to **Marsha Riibner-Cady, BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship Chair, 103 Weir Point Dr., Manteo, NC 27954**. Applications must be submitted by the April 15th deadline. Applicants can obtain necessary application form(s) from:

* College or university financial aid office
* BPW website ([www.bpw-nc.org](http://www.bpw-nc.org))

**Selection of Scholarship Winner:** The BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship Committee will screen all applications. A personal interview may be required. The winner will be notified via phone by May 15, 2014 and presented the award at the BPW/NC Foundation luncheon during the BPW/NC State Conference in Charlotte, NC on Saturday, June 21, 2014. Attending the presentation in June is not a requirement.

**Payment Plan:** The scholarship will be payable to the school the recipient will attend at the beginning of the Fall 2014 term. The scholarship recipient must arrange for bills to be sent to BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship Chair.

**One scholarship of $1000 will be awarded per applicant.**

The scholarship will be awarded to a career-minded individual who is currently enrolled at an accredited community college, college, or university. To apply for the scholarship, submit the necessary items listed under “A” below; and complete the information requested in “B” below, no later than April 15, 2014.

**SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BY APRIL 15, 2014**

* + **Completed application form**
	+ **Official transcript** **of scholastic record**
	+ **Recommendation forms**

**Return completed application, transcripts and recommendation letters to:**

**Marsha Riibner-Cady, BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship Chair, 103 Weir Point Dr., Manteo, NC 27954**

**A.** **COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION**

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

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

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| **APPLICATION** |
| **TO STUDENT:** Please complete the following information. If more space is needed, please submit additional sheet(s). |
| **Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial** | **Date** |
| **Classification in Fall 2014**[ ]  Freshman | [ ]  Sophomore | [ ]  Junior | [ ]  Senior | [ ]  Graduate Student | **Enrollment Status**[ ]  Full time [ ]  Half time[ ]  Less than half time  |
| **Name of Institution/School** | **Currently Enrolled?** |
| **School Street Address** **City, State, Zip** **School E-mail Address Phone (Area** **Code)**  |
| **Home Street Address** **City, State, Zip** **E-mail Address Phone (Area Code)**  |
| **Cumulative GPA (or High School GPA, if Freshman)** | **Expected Degree**  Other AA/AS BA/BS MA/ MS PhD | **Major Field of Study** | **Expected Date of Graduation** |
|  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |  |  |
| **Current or Last Employer** | **Will You Continue to Work While Enrolled?** |
|  | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| **FINANCIAL DATA** |
| **Total Annual Tuition & Required Fees:**  |
| **Expected Resources for School** |
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| **From Family (yourself, spouse, parents)** | **From Friends or Relatives** | **From Savings** | **From Other Financial Aid** | **Total expected resources:** |
| $ | $ | $ | $ | **$** |

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| **Annual Income** |
| **Your Annual Income** | **Spouses Annual Income** (if married) | **Parents Annual Income** (if you receive financial support from them**)** |
| $ | $ | $ |
| **Number in Your Household** | **Of the Members in Your Household, Number in College Including You** |
| **Marital Status**\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_ Widowed | **Your Date of Birth** |
| **Dependents Name(s) | Age(s):** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_ Names and ages:  1. Age 2. Age  3. Age 4. Age  5. Age 6. Age  |
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| **Applicant’s signature** DATE My signature above indicates that all of the above information is true and accurate. |

*North Carolina Business and Professional Women’s Foundation, Inc.*

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

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

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| **Scholarship Recommendation Form** |
| **Student Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial** | **Date** |

You have been listed as a reference on an application for the BPW/NC scholarship. The deadline for the application for the scholarship is **April 15** of this current year. We will not act upon the application until your form has been received. Your prompt reply is appreciated. **Please return this completed form to the applicant in sufficient time for her to have her application postmarked by April 15th.**

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

1. Please rate the candidate on each of the following:

 **Below Average Good Outstanding**

 **Average**

1. Ability to complete degree requirements □ □ □ □
2. Promise as a professional □ □ □ □
3. What is the greatest single strength of the applicant?

Your Signature Position/Title

Full Name and Address:

Date:

**To the Applicant:** Please print your name and the name & address of your recommendation on this form. A total of two (1 personal, 1 professional) recommendations are required. Please mail a total of 3 copies of each Recommendation Form to the Scholarship Chair with your completed application.

**To the person providing Recommendation:** Please return this completed form to the Applicant.

\*\***Questions:** Please Call Marsha at 252-423-0819 or e-mail at romarsci@gmail.com.**\*\***

***BPW/NC SCHOLARSHIPS***

Business and Professional Women (BPW), an affiliate of BPW/USA, 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 Foundation of Business and Professional Women of North Carolina (BPW/NC) is pleased to issue a call for scholarship applications to female candidates. BPW/NC offers four types of scholarships as described below. Applicants must be citizens of the United States and attend a community college, college, or university accredited by the Southern Association of College and Schools. The Scholarship Committee will advise applicants of their decision by May 15, 2014. Recipients will be invited to attend the Foundation Luncheon at State Conference to be held in Charlotte, NC on Saturday, June 21, 2014. Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified. Scholarship questions should be directed to Marsha Riibner-Cady, BPW/NC Scholarship Chair by phone at (252) 423-0819 or by email at romarsci@gmail.com.

**BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship (Two one thousand ($1,000) dollar scholarships)**

The BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship was created in 1996 by the BPW/NC Foundation Board of Directors. In June 2014, the BPW/NC Foundation will award two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each.

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

* Be currently enrolled in either an accredited community college or a four-year college/university in the freshman, sophomore, or junior year or graduate study.
* Require financial assistance to obtain goals.
* Have a definite career plan.

**Elsie G. Riddick Scholarship (One thousand ($1,000) dollar 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 2014, the Elsie G. Riddick Scholarship will be in the amount of $1,000

A woman who wishes to be a candidate must adhere to the same qualifications as listed for the BPW/NC Foundation Scholarship.

**Ruth Moss Easterling Scholarship (One thousand ($1,000) dollar scholarship)**

Established in 1995, the Ruth Moss Easterling Scholarship was named for Ruth, BPW/NC 1964-1965 State President, and 1970-1971 National 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, retiring in 2002 at the age of ninety-two. She was a staunch advocate for women’s rights and was instrumental in establishing the Commission on the Status of Women. In 2007, Governor Bev Perdue signed a joint resolution honoring the contributions to society, particularly legislation benefiting women and children. In June 2014, the Ruth Moss Easterling Scholarship will be in the amount of $1,000.

A woman who wishes to be a candidate must:

* Be currently enrolled 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.

**Joyce V. Lawrence Scholarship (One thousand ($1,000) dollar scholarship)**

This is the inaugural Joyce V. Lawrence Scholarship, 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 2014, the Joyce Lawrence Scholarship will be in the amount of $1,000.

A woman who wishes to be a candidate must:

* 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.