

The Greater PineBelt Community Foundation Dr. Steve and Ellen Ramp Women's Continuing Education Fund

PURPOSE

The ***Drs. Steve and Ellen Ramp Women's Continuing Education Scholarship Fund*** was established in May 2009 by Alison Buehler to provide scholarships for women who are pursuing **continuing education, career training, and courses to improve their job marketability**. While volunteer teaching basic education classes to adults, Buehler noticed the frustration and red tape women had to endure to receive even the smallest amount of assistance to further their education and training. Women are more likely to be sole providers for families and receive less pay for the work they do. This scholarship is designed for women who want to pursue undergraduate, ESL, GED, or technical training, and is based on financial need.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The fund will make available financial assistance up to **\$500 per applicant each year**. Applicants can apply for more than one year of scholarships. The amount given is based on financial need and the number of awards will be based on the amount available in the fund each year. Applications will be accepted between January and March of each year. Scholarships will be awarded no later than May of each year. Scholarships may be awarded for less than \$1000 per applicant in order to help more women.

CRITERIA

The Scholarship Advisory Committee will use the following criteria to award scholarship:

1. Financial Need
2. Working mother
3. Books, fees, or tuition for Elementary Ed or Special Ed at USM.
4. Books, fees, or tuition leading to a technical degree (nursing, PT, etc.) at a Pinebelt community college
5. Residence in the state of Mississippi

GUIDELINES

Each applicant must present to the Scholarship Advisory Committee the following by December 15th.

- Application form
- Statement in support of your application (letter of recommendation)
- Address and contact information of the institution applicant is attending

QUESTIONS

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name:

Local Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Day Phone:

Night Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Female:

Date of Birth:

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average:

Program, College, School you are enrolled in or seeking to enroll in:

Address of Institution:

City:

State:

Zip:

School's Phone Number:

College major, certificate program, or career goal:

Name and amounts of any other scholarships you expect to receive:

Social Security #:

Please list Gross Annual Household Income and Sources of Income (Work, Social Security, Child Support, etc.). This information is subject to verification should you become a scholarship finalist.

\$ _____ Sources: _____

Briefly describe your family living situation (example: single or two parent home, or guardian including relationship).

Please use the following space to make a statement in support of your application for this scholarship. Tell what your educational goals are and why you think you can achieve them. What will you do once you finish your degree or your program?

Date:

Signature:

Note: Make sure to include with this application all additional materials mentioned under the “Guidelines” section above.

SCHOLARSHIP SUMMARY SHEET

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name of School or Program you will attend:

Address of school to mail scholarship:

City:

State:

Zip:

Social Security Number:

Student ID:

Complete Application can be sent to:

**Drs. Stephen and Ellen Ramp Women's Continuing Education Fund
Scholarship Advisory Committee**

The Greater Pinebelt Community Foundation

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