

Educational Support Available!

## Two types of educational support, with one goal in mind: **Your Success!**

\$2,500 FFW Scholarship Grants

\$500 FFW Individual Grants

### Important Dates in Our Annual Grant Cycle:

#### January 1

Grant submission cycle opens

#### March 1

All grant submissions are due

#### June

Grant recipients notified and awarded

### About Fund for Women of the Southern Tier

FFW is the only dedicated funding source for girls and women living in Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben and Yates counties in New York State.

Fueled by its supporters, FFW channels the power of community philanthropy to break down the barriers that persistently hold women back. We award annual grants to individuals and community non-profit organizations for programs that support and empower girls and women.

Our hope is that every grant has the power to help transform a life, by giving every girl and woman the confidence of knowing that other women believe in them and are here to help.



## Interested in Continuing Your Education?

**We'd like to help!**



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## Fund for Women Educational Support

The Fund for Women provides educational support for girls and women who would like to continue their education and pursue a path of empowerment, self-sufficiency and achievement of career goals.

### Who Can Apply?

Female applicants (of any age) living in Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben and Yates counties are eligible to apply.

### How to Apply?

The Fund for Women of the Southern Tier, Inc. accepts scholarship applications from individuals once per year. Individual applications are to be submitted through the online grant management system – [www.communityfund.org/fund-for-women-grants](http://www.communityfund.org/fund-for-women-grants)

In addition to answering a few basic questions, you will need to upload a 1-2 page essay. The essay should best illustrate your motivation to further your education.

You will also need to upload a copy of your or your parents'/guardians' most recent tax return and two letters of recommendation.

## The Mission of the Fund for Women

Our mission is to help girls and women achieve self-sufficiency and realize life goals.

## \$2,500 FFW Scholarship Grants

Up to four scholarships awarded annually

Girls and women with specific career goals and a path for achieving them should consider applying for a FFW Scholarship. These scholarships are designed to provide support and encouragement to girls and women who have encountered significant financial barriers in pursuing their education after high school. Award criteria includes a demonstrated financial need. Preference will be given to girls and women who fall into one or more of the following categories:

- First generation college students
- Non-traditional students/adult learners - 25 years or older
- Women who seek a diploma certification for high demand job functions in Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben and/or Yates counties at a technical school, college or university
- Girls and women who have overcome a significant challenge in their lives

## \$500 FFW Individual Grants

Up to ten grants awarded annually

Girls and women who may be experiencing difficulty keeping up with the financial demands that come with continuing their education should consider applying for a FFW individual grant. These grants are to be used to ease the financial burden of ongoing educational costs. Examples may include paying for college textbooks, technical supplies, assistance with past due tuition bills, fees for professional licensing exams, etc. Award criteria includes a demonstrated financial need.

## When Should I Apply?

The Fund for Women Grants Committee accepts applications annually. Our grants cycle opens each January 1st. Applications must be submitted no later than March 1st to be considered.

## What Happens After I Apply?

The Fund for Women Grants Committee runs a rigorous and confidential grants review process. The Grants Committee convenes an experienced FFW volunteer panel to evaluate each grant application against the award criteria to determine who will receive the scholarships and the individual grants each year.

Grant recipients will be notified and awarded in June.

## Additional Questions?

Please contact the Vice President of Programs at [sep@communityfund.org](mailto:sep@communityfund.org) or by calling 607-739-3900.

