



2019 Wisdom of Women Jumpstart Scholarship

The Wisdom of Women's mission is to give each other inspiration, support and community while empowering each of us to find the wisdom within ourselves and each other so we can share it with the world.

As an expression of gratitude, The WOW committee has launched a scholarship to help a local woman-owned business, with a proven track record, take their business to the next level. This scholarship can be used to purchase new equipment, upgrade software, continue education, expand your business to a new commercial space or achieve business goals.

The Wisdom of Women will award (2) \$625 scholarships. This scholarship is open to residents of the Mid-Hudson Valley who have had a positive impact on her community and workplace and who has a proven commitment to the success of her business. The business must be 100% independently owned and the business at least two years old. We will not accept applications from franchises, direct sales companies or multi-level marketing businesses.

The recipients of these scholarships will be mentored by a member of the WOW Committee whom will be assigned to you. A portion of this scholarship will cover your New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce membership fees for one year (\$325). (\$300) to be used as New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce Credit for event attendance to include one ticket to our 2019 WOW UnGala, where you will receive a 2 minute business spotlight and have the opportunity to introduce yourself to the audience of over 125 attendees.

Applications will be reviewed by the Wisdom of Women Scholarship Committee, and scholarship winners will be awarded at our annual dinner in June 2019.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Own and operate their business in the counties of Dutchess, Greene, Orange or Ulster.
- Demonstrate a positive impact on your community or workplace.
- Demonstrate solid commitment to your business.

Application Packet

To submit a complete application packet, please include the following:

1. A **completed application** form.
2. Two **(2) letters of reference**. From a business associate, board member or vendor.
3. Two **(2) testimonials** from customers
4. A **typed personal essay** of no more than 500 words that explains the applicant's business goals, specific steps to the goals, how the scholarship funds will be applied and how it will further your business.
5. A **résumé**.

It is the applicant's responsibility to meet the deadline and to ensure the application packet is complete. Only complete application packets will be reviewed. Scholarship recipients will be required to acknowledge receipt of funds and attend an awards presentation to be held in June 2019.

Deadline Application packet must be received by the Chamber of Commerce by May 1, 2019.





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Applicant Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Business Name _____

Business Website _____

Business Social Media Accounts _____

Referred By _____

Please return this completed form, along with the **requested collateral materials**, to:
New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce
Attn: WOW Scholarship Committee
257 Main Street
New Paltz, NY 12561

Application must be received at the New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce on or before May 1, 2019.

Questions? Email info@newpaltzchamber.org

I certify that the information provided on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I understand what is required of me in the event that I receive a scholarship.

Applicant's Signature

Date

