

IBC NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS (NCCWSL) SCHOLARSHIP

Whenever financially possible, the Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council (IBC) will provide a scholarship to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) to a student of a St. Louis area institution that is an AAUW College/University Partner Member. The purpose of the scholarship is to support the effort of AAUW to promote leadership skills of college students as well as encourage them bring visibility of AAUW on campuses.

The scholarship will cover a minimum of a Conference registration at the Early-Bird Registration rate. IBC will fund additional money for reasonable travel costs.

- A designated AAUW NCCWSL Fund will be maintained in the IBC financial records for the scholarship. Contributions may be made to it at any time by either branches or members. Each branch will be asked, but not required to contribute \$50.00 annually.
- The preferred method of contributing to NCCWSL by branches and branch members is through the Fund, but they will not be prevented from making their own contributions to national. They may also choose to send a student on their own and may utilize the IBC applications for selection. IBC will make its selections first.
- If the Fund falls too low in one year for a scholarship, monies will be held in the Fund until enough money is available for another year.
- If there is enough money in the Fund, IBC may choose to support more than one student with a scholarship and travel funds. If a student receives a national scholarship, she may apply for, but not be guaranteed, travel funds from IBC.
- Students who have been awarded a scholarship through the national application process and are asking for travel expenses only may apply until Spring Fling and must meet the selection criteria.
- A line-item will be added to the IBC budget for NCCWSL.

To be eligible for selection, a student must be recommended to IBC by an AAUW St. Louis area College/University Representative. The application must be submitted for the selection to be made and the student registered in time to take advantage of the reduced registration fee of the Early-Bird rate. College/University representatives will be reminded that if their nominated student is not selected by IBC, the national organization also offers scholarships for registration and although they do not cover travel, she, or any interested student, may apply..

Selection Process:

At the August IBC meeting, a coordinator for the NCCWSL scholarship selection will be appointed. A committee of 5 people, including the coordinator, and representatives of each of the 5 branches, will determine the scholarship awardees(s). This process will take place as soon as the application deadline

has been met. Timing of all deadlines is dependent upon dates set by national. The representatives, except for the coordinator, shall be appointed by the branches and need not be IBC Council members.

The criteria for selection of the awardee(s) will include:

- Thoroughness of application information
- Leadership experience
- Leadership commitments
- Assurance of availability for the NCCWSL dates
- A commitment for a follow-up appearance at one or more IBC event or member branch meetings.
- A commitment to write a synopsis of her experience at the Conference for inclusion in branch newsletters and Missouri in Motion. Articles may be shared with branches.
- Enrollment on campus for at least a year after the Conference

The date for submission of scholarship applications will be determined by the Early-Bird deadline.

Publicity and applications for the scholarship will be distributed to Partner Member representatives in early September by the NCCWSL coordinator. Given that AAUW promotes the Conference to the reps year-round, no other information need be distributed until the actual dates are posted on the website. At that time, another communication will be sent by the coordinator.

The AAUW MO College/University chair or co-chair will be asked by the coordinator to provide a list of current area institutions and up-to-date names and addresses of their respective CU Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the coordinator to obtain the list.

The general membership of the area branches will be informed by branch presidents that contributions will be accepted for the IBC NCCWSL Fund at any time. Funds not received in time to be delegated for the scholarship may be used for travel expenses. In the event travel expenses are necessary for the selected student and are not available in the Fund, the general membership will be asked to contribute to the Fund for that purpose.

The selection of the student(s) will be made in time to announce and invite them to Spring Fling,

The IBC NCCWSL Coordinator will work with students to secure the lowest possible refundable round-trip airfare, preferably purchasing it as soon as the student has been selected and registered. The date and time of travel should allow arrival at the Conference in time for registration and Wednesday night events. Purchase of the airfare will be made by the IBC Finance Officer and paid for by the IBC debit/credit card. Should there be any reason the student cannot attend, for either personal reasons or cancellation of the Conference, she will obtain the refund according to airline policy and work with IBC to have the funds given back to IBC.

Revisions:

Because of the relationship of funding and scholarship awards, these guidelines may be revised each year at any time with approval by a majority vote of rostered IBC members

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