

GUIDELINES FOR “GRADUATING SENIORS” BWC SCHOLARSHIPS
Available to all Jefferson County Residents

The Mt. Vernon Business Women’s Club (formerly known as Mt. Vernon Business and Professional Women’s Club) currently provides **two annual scholarships for graduating Jefferson County seniors**:

1. The **Dora E. Brydon Scholarship** is for students planning to obtain a degree in health related professions.
2. The **Wilma K. Harpole Scholarship** is for students planning to obtain a degree in business studies.

Both scholarships are to be awarded in the amount of \$1,000.00 each. Awards will be paid directly to the college in the amount of \$500.00 for the fall semester and \$500.00 for the following spring semester after proof of enrollment is received by BWC.

To be eligible:

1. Applicant must be a member of the current year graduating class.
2. Applicant must have a 3.0 grade point average or above through the previous fall semester.
3. Applicant must submit a transcript of all their course work and attendance through the previous fall semester along with their application.
4. Applicant can be attending any Illinois college.
5. Recipient must provide evidence of enrollment as a full time (12 or more semester hours of credit) student for both semesters before payment is sent to their college.
6. The application includes a section addressing why they should be considered for the scholarship.
7. Optional letters of recommendation from teachers/counselors may be included but are not mandatory.
8. Application and supporting documents must be postmarked on or before March 31st of the graduating year, and should be mailed to Mt. Vernon Business Women’s Club, Attention Scholarship Committee, PO Box 227, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864, or via scanned documents through the Mt. Vernon BWC web site/email.
9. Availability of applications will be advertised in the local newspapers, contact with the local high schools, the Mt. Vernon BWC web site, and other sources as deemed necessary.

GUIDELINES FOR “RETURNING ADULT” NEW OPPORTUNITIES SCHOLARSHIP

The Mt. Vernon Business Women’s Club currently provides for an annual **Ellen Ashton New Opportunities for Women Scholarship** for a Jefferson County woman wishing to further her education.

To be eligible:

1. Recipient must be a Jefferson County resident or any Mt. Vernon BWC member, at least 20 years of age, and had full time employment for at least one year.
2. More than one scholarship may be awarded per year based on the amount of funds available.
3. The amount of the scholarship is not to exceed \$1,000.00 or a minimum of \$500.00.
4. The award amount is based on career and educational goals rather than financial needs.
5. The recipient may attend any college or institution of choice.
6. The recipient may attend either full-time or part-time.
7. The award may be to a woman entering college for the first time or for continuing education.
