



**Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce  
Women's Networking Grant Committee  
WOMENS EMPOWERMENT GRANT**

**CRITERIA**

The Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce Women's Networking Grant Committee will award an annual grant(s).

The Women's Networking Empowerment Grant was established to encourage women to pursue training or education that will help them start or advance a career.

The target of the grant is women who:

- are currently working and want to advance in their career through education or training
- are returning to the workforce
- are seeking to change their current career path and pursue something more in line with their interests or passions

The grant is also intended to be available to those who would not necessarily have access to scholarships or grants. For this reason, graduating high school students will not be eligible to apply for the grant. The following criteria will be used in the screening of applications for the annual grant.

- 1.) Candidates must reside within the service area of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, which encompasses anyone who resides within the perimeters of the Hazleton Area School District.
- 2.) Women's networking attendees/participants may receive preference.
- 3.) Candidates must send a cover letter and fully completed application.
- 4.) Applications, cover letters and proof of enrollment are due no later than July 29th, 2016 with an anticipated August 31st, 2016 notification.

- 5.) Applications will be scored on the following areas: Academic Information, Employment Information, Civic Involvement, Essay, and Financial Need.
- 6.) Applications will be reviewed by a committee of no less than three members of the Women's Networking Grant Committee.
- 7.) Candidates may be interviewed on an as needed basis by the Women's Networking Grant Committee.
- 8.) Funds will be distributed directly to the educational institution.



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**APPLICATION**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Information:**

Education completed to date: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you graduate from high school?: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken any College credits? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your course of study? \_\_\_\_\_

What degree/certificate will you ultimately attain? \_\_\_\_\_

(attach a certified transcript from the college to this application if you completed any college semester)

**Employment Information:**

Are you currently employed? \_\_\_\_ If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity are you employed (job title)? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been employed at this business? \_\_\_\_\_

**Civic Involvement:**

Organization

Type of Involvement

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**Essay:**

Prepare a 500 word essay detailing why you wish to begin your education, return to college, or improve your workplace skills, what your goals are, and why and how you feel the Women’s Networking Committee can help you reach those goals.

**Financial Need:**

Applicant’s household earnings: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH COVER LETTER TO:**

**GREATER HAZLETON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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Hazleton, PA 18201

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