

"Helping women find a way back to themselves."

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## Dear Applicant,

The Mariposa Foundation was established to provide an Academic Scholarship to those women who have found themselves steering toward education after a significant event. The mission of the Mariposa Foundation is not only to provide an educational scholarship to assist with the cost of tuition but also to establish a source of education in a variety of fundamental ways, which could include personal development, life coach transformations, wellness coaching, financial and spiritual guidance along the way. Education is a significant substance for the foundation; contributing to women's growth is essential.

The Scholarship committee will evaluate each Applicant based on the criteria established in the eligibility requirements. With this said, the Mariposa Foundation will award \$500 towards each tuition for the Spring and Fall semesters as long as the Applicant follows the criteria for educational enrollment. Should the applicant need other services mentioned above, then at that time, the scholarship will be evaluated as required.

## **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Applicant must be a female.
- Applicant must be divorced, widowed, or have had another life-altering event.
- Must reside within Lafourche, St. Mary, or Terrebonne Parish.
- Applicant must stay enrolled in the selected eligibility program.
- Must be willing to have bi-monthly coaching or mentoring calls or meetings. This
  portion is required for accountability purposes.

## **Documentation (Personal Statement):**

A personal statement (think of it as a journal entry) of no less than 500 or more words explaining why you, the Applicant, should receive the scholarship. The personal statement should be clear, concise, and relevant information explaining your goals, academic achievements, community involvement, and how you plan on establishing your future career. The personal statement should also include your current life conditions, living arrangements, income, child care, and work history. The personal statement should be typed double-spaced and proofread on letterhead before submission. The information documented will help establish the needs of the applicant.

## **Application Requirements:**

- Applicants must fill out the initial form online via the website.
- Recommendation letter requirements include:
  - One (1) faculty member within the school and class attended by the Applicant OR a family member/friend.
  - One (1) community member within the Applicant's parish.
    - How long have you known the Applicant?
    - What are the Applicant's qualifications to pursue their goals?
    - How likely do you think the Applicant will complete their program?
- Proof of attendance from the previous semester must be submitted along with the application.
- Proof of divorce, widowing, or another life-altering event significantly affecting your condition.