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## **JUNE A. AND MELANIE NELSON SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN NON-TRADITIONAL AND/OR RETURNING STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Sponsored by a generous gift from June A. and Melanie Nelson, the Owatonna Foundation is pleased to make available annually two \$3,000 scholarships to be used to assist women in furthering their education. To be eligible, applicant must be a woman and have an Owatonna mailing address or have worked at an Owatonna business for at least the past two years. This scholarship can potentially be awarded twice.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

**October 25—spring semester award**

**June 25—fall semester award**

Please return all scholarship information to [info@owatonnafoundation.org](mailto:info@owatonnafoundation.org) or Jill Holmes, Scholarship Coordinator, 1135 Jadden Lane SE, Owatonna, MN 55060.

The Owatonna Foundation Scholarship Committee will select scholarship recipients. After the Committee meets, applicants will be notified of the decision via mail.

### **INFORMATION REQUESTED:**

- ◆ Completed application.
- ◆ Essay question response.
- ◆ Official college transcript if applicant is currently enrolled at a technical/community college or university.
- ◆ A reference letter from a person (preferably a current or former employer) who can describe applicant's personal qualifications and indicate why you deserve this scholarship.

### **CRITERIA FOR GRANTING SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- ◆ Applicant must be a woman pursuing a career-specific field of study.
- ◆ Applicant must have an Owatonna mailing address or have worked at an Owatonna business for at least the past two years.
- ◆ Applicant must be a high school graduate or possess a GED. If an applicant has already been accepted to a college or university program without a high school diploma or GED, she may still apply for the scholarship.
- ◆ Applicant should pursue education on a full-time basis. Withdrawal from college will result in the loss of remaining scholarship money.
- ◆ Primary criteria for scholarship award will be career aptitude, work ethic, and a positive attitude.
- ◆ Preference will be given to a first-generation college student or those with financial need.



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NON-TRADITIONAL AND/OR RETURNING STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Complete application using a black pen or online.

**Applicant Data:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

High school you attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you graduate? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what year: \_\_\_\_\_ If not, last year attended: \_\_\_\_\_

If you did not graduate, do you have a GED: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you had an Owatonna mailing address? Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
or

How long have you worked at an Owatonna business? Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

First-generation college student? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Applied for other scholarships: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, scholarships? \_\_\_\_\_

June A. and Melanie Nelson Scholarship Recipient Before: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Technical/Community College or University Data:**

Name of educational institution you plan to attend. (If unknown, please list in order of preference the colleges to which admission applications have been sent.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
School City State

Major course of study: \_\_\_\_\_ Career goal: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated graduation date: Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Currently enrolled? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Number completed credits? \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Status: Full-time: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Credits/Term: \_\_\_\_\_ or Part-time: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Credits/Term: \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Experience:** Identify your work experience during the past ten years. Indicate company name and position, employment dates, and approximate number of hours worked each week. (You may use another sheet of paper.)

Company/Position	From—Mo./Yr.	To—Mo./Year.	Hours Per Week

**Activities, Awards, and Honors:** List community activities you have participated in during the past ten years. Include club, church, sport, etc. Also include honors and offices held. (You may use another sheet of paper.)

Activity	From—Mo./Yr.	To—Mo./Year.	Honor(s)/Office(s)

What are your special interests or hobbies? (You may use another sheet of paper.)

Interests or Hobbies	No. of Yrs.

**Essay Question:** In 250 words or less, state your career goals, your educational plan, and describe for the committee your aptitude and desire to succeed in your chosen career. Please attach to the application.

**Additional Information:** Please share any personal or financial circumstances that you feel the selection committee should consider. Please attach to the application.

**Official Transcript:** If you have earned any technical/community college or university credits, include an official college transcript from each academic institution. Submit transcript(s) to [info@owatonnafoundation.org](mailto:info@owatonnafoundation.org) or Jill Holmes, Scholarship Coordinator, 1135 Jadden Lane SE, Owatonna, MN 55060

**Reference Letter:** Ask an individual (preferably a current or former employer) to write a reference letter. Submit reference to [info@owatonnafoundation.org](mailto:info@owatonnafoundation.org) or to Jill Holmes, Scholarship Coordinator, 1135 Jadden Lane SE, Owatonna, MN 55060

Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Deadlines:** Return scholarship application information to [info@owatonnafoundation.org](mailto:info@owatonnafoundation.org) or Jill Holmes, Scholarship Coordinator, 1135 Jadden Lane SE, Owatonna, MN 55060. Please circle which application deadline applies.

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