



Women. Identity. Purpose. (WIP) Organization

Grady-McKnight Awards Packet

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Grady-McKnight awards. The Women. Identity. Purpose (WIP) organization addresses the needs of the working single mother.

We seek applicants who earn less than \$40,000 a year in annual income and are supporting one or more children. As products of single parent homes, the founders of this organization can, first hand, relate to the challenges that single mothers face in caring for their families as well as their personal well being. Each year, WIP will award one or more deserving single mothers financial awards to assist help them in pursuing a higher education or help in starting a new business.

In order to be considered for these awards, please fill out the attached application and appropriate essay. In addition to the application, please provide the following items:

- Copy of Social Security Card
- Copy of 2008 tax returns
- Copy of last two paycheck stubs
- Copy of acceptance letter from university, college or certified program (Grady-McKnight Collegiate Award applicants only)
- Copy of business plan (Grady-McKnight Entrepreneurial Award applicants only)

The completed awards packet (including the above items) must be submitted to WIP via email to awards@womenidentitypurpose.org, or mailed to your local office (see addresses in item #7 of award criteria) no later than **August 15th** of calendar year.

Submitted applications and appropriate essay questions will be reviewed by an evaluating committee. Applicants will be notified no later than **one month after deadline** of their status.

If you have any questions concerning WIP and/or the application process, feel free to contact us at 1-888-290-7099 or email us at awards@womenidentitypurpose.org

Sincerely,

WIP Awards Committee



Women. Identity. Purpose (WIP) Organization

Grady-McKnight Awards Application

Last Name		First		M.I. S	Date
Street Address				Apartment/Unit #	
City		State		ZIP	
Phone		E-mail Address			
Desired Award		Number of Dependents		Social Security Number	
Are you a citizen of the United States?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If no, are you authorized to work in the U.S.?	
				YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been convicted of a felony?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, explain	

School			Address		
From	To	Did you graduate?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Degree Diploma
College			Address		
From	To	Did you graduate?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Degree
Other			Address		



From	To	Did you graduate?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Degree
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Please list two professional or personal references.

Full Name	Relationship
Company Primacy Relocations	Phone
Address	
Full Name	Relationship
Company Pacer	Phone



Previous Employment			
Company Primacy relocations		Phone	
Address		Supervisor	
Job Title	Starting Salary	Ending Salary	
Responsibilities			
From	To	Reason for Leaving	
May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Company Pacer Stack		Phone	
Address		Supervisor Cassandra Beattie	
Job Title	Starting Salary	Ending Salary	
Responsibilities			
From	To	Reason for Leaving	
May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Company		Phone ()	
Address		Supervisor	
Job Title	Starting Salary	\$	Ending Salary \$
Responsibilities			
From	To	Reason for Leaving	
May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>



Military Service (if applicable)	
Branch	From To
Rank at Discharge	Type of Discharge
If other than honorable, explain	

Disclaimer and Signature	
I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If this application leads to the obtainment of an award, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my application being denied.	
Signature	Date



Collegiate Award Criteria

WIP Grady-McKnight Collegiate Award for Single Working Mothers

a) This annual award offering is specifically designated towards college tuition, or an accredited program of higher education. The award may also be used toward books, residency needs, application fees or any necessary requirement toward the completion of an accredited program.

b) The goal of this award is to increase the earnings of our awardees by assisting in the completion of post secondary education. The award offering can be up to \$5,000 depending on the disbursement plan allocated in the target year.

The amount of Grady McKnight award offerings are subject to change, based on board discretion

c) Our goal is to offer at least one of these awards annually.

d) The announcement of these awards will be made through our e-letter, other nonprofit agencies, sponsors, word of mouth, church organizations and college media. Recipients may be targeted at designated local colleges in WIP communities.

1) **Specific Criteria**

This award will be available to single working mothers (or their children) who meet the following criteria:

- They should be at least 18 years of age.
- Be accepted to a college/university program
- Annual income less than \$40,000 per year

2) **Selection Criteria**

An annual review committee will evaluate the applications of each recipient for the following information:

- a) Our selection will be based on financial need, goal attainment and the desire to complete the accredited program of higher learning.
- b) Prior Year Tax return detailing Annual Income
- c) Must be a Single Mother; Validation of children must be proven
- d) If returning applicant, must have a 3.0 or higher overall average.
- e) Completion of the Grady McKnight Award Packet (included).



3) **Other Details:**

- e) The number and monetary value of our awards will increase as the revenues of the organization grow.
- f) We will base the award amount of the award on the market value of the average state college tuition.
- g) A recipient may renew the award annually, if they maintain a 3.0/4.0 grade point average.
- h) If recipient receives an award allocated throughout designated school year, an overall average of 2.8 must be maintained in order for funds to be allocated and not revoked.

4) **Supervision of Awards**

The funds allocated from the educational award will be paid directly to the University's or accredited program of higher learning's bursar's office.

If a full tuition award is rewarded, the recipient's money will be paid, each quarter or semester, directly to their university of choice where they are enrolled. The recipient must provide the transcripts to our organization demonstrating good standing, in order for their tuition to be paid the following quarter or semester.

If the recipient's grades fall below the minimum requirement, they will be on probation for one semester. If the grades have not improved after this probation period, the award money will be revoked.

5) **Selection Committee**

The Selection committee will be comprised of various professionals in the local area of the applicant; it may consist of community leaders, collegiate staff, and professionals from corporations who support our efforts.

6) **Application Deadline and Reward Period**

The deadline for applications will vary each calendar year; the website will reflect the current dates.

The applicants will be notified of status within one month of application deadline date; unless there are extenuating circumstances which cause the process to change.

The reward period will vary by area; but will most likely occur by September of each calendar year.



7) **Designation**

Please mail your application to the Women Identity Purpose Headquarters office:

WIP Chicago
PO Box 43384
Chicago, IL 60643
Attn: Awards

WIP Memphis
1138 Germantown Pkwy
Cordova, TN 38016
Attn: Awards

Note: If you desire an electronic copy of application to return via e-mail, request it at: awards@womenidentitypurpose.org

If you return your application via e-mail and selected as winner, you will be expected to provide all qualifying documentation (as notated on page #1).



Grady McKnight
Back to School Collegiate Award
Essay Form

Name of Applicant:
City of Residence:
Proposed Major:

Date of Submission:
University:

In no more than 500 words, please detail your purpose for pursuing your college education and your envisioned future. If you have applied before, please tell us why we should continue to provide you funds for your education. Please use blank area below to write essay. If more room is needed copy this page and mail in with application.