

Eastside Business & Professional Women's Opportunity Award (High School Woman)

The Opportunity Award is given to a high school senior in recognition of the outstanding contributions made by a young woman to her home, school and community.

Business and Professional Women (BPW/USA) has a network of 70,000 members nationwide. BPW/USA provides a range of programs and services to members, meeting needs unique to working women. BPW's mission is to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information. Our vision is to be the leading advocate for working women.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please complete this application as thoroughly as possible and return it with completed references to the designated address at the bottom of page 4-**BY MARCH 31st, 2008.**

Before you begin this application **be sure you meet the Opportunity Award conditions, rules and regulations as stated on page 4 of this application.**

**Application should be typed/word processed.
If you cannot type, please use a black ink pen and print neatly.**

PART I: PERSONAL DATA

FULL NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:

TELEPHONE :

BIRTHDATE:

GRADUATION DATE:

HIGH SCHOOL:

COLLEGE OR TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL where you have been accepted/applied (include address):

Please answer all of the questions.

NOTE: No answer may exceed 125 words and must fit in the space provided.

PART II: RESPONSIBILITY

1. What do you consider your most important responsibility as a member of your family? Include other personal responsibilities in order of importance.

2. What do you consider your responsibility as a member of your school?

3. How do you view your role as a member of your community?

PART III: ACTIVITIES

1. Summarize your school activities, emphasizing those that you initiated or had a part in organizing. Please include length of involvement and arrange chronologically or by category.

2. Summarize your community activities, emphasizing those that demonstrate strong community involvement. What is your role in these activities and why did you get involved? Please include length of involvement.

PART IV: GOALS

1. Describe your plans for the future and how they relate to community involvement.

2. How would this award help you in reaching your goals?

PART V: REFERENCES

Using the attached Personal Reference form, submit two references along with your completed application. References must be from two adults representing two different sources. Any references from school personnel should emphasize community activities, not academic. References must be sent with your completed application.

PART VI: AGREEMENT

I have read and hereby accept the conditions, rules and regulations outlined on page 5 of this application, and I agree to accept the decision of the judges as final.

I certify that I did not receive any assistance (other than typing, if applicable) in completing this application.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

CONDITIONS, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EASTSIDE BPW/USA HIGH SCHOOL WOMAN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARD

The Award:

This award is given in recognition of the outstanding contributions made by young women to home, school, and community. This is an "Award of Merit" to be used to further the aims and purposes of a young woman. This cash award is given in a single payment to the financial aid office of the recipient's college. One finalist is chosen and the winner will be introduced at the May meeting of the Eastside BPW/USA. (4th Tuesday of the month)

Eligibility and Qualifications:

To be eligible, the applicant must be a graduating senior. The applicant must not have reached the age of 21 prior to June 1 of that year. The Eastside BPW/USA local organization must receive the completed application by **MARCH 31st, 2008**. To qualify for the award, which is judged on the community activities and merit of the applicant, a student must demonstrate the following:

1. **Service:** Applicant must have taken an active part in service in the home, school and community with a high degree of cooperation, courtesy and consideration for others.
2. **Dependability:** Applicant must have executed responsibilities with honesty, loyalty and reliability.
3. **Leadership:** Applicant must have demonstrated ability to lead with self-control, dignity and responsibility.
4. **Clear Sense of Purpose:** Applicant must have pursued her goals and commitments with sincerity and integrity.

Other Requirements:

Applicant must complete this official Eastside BPW/USA Young Woman Opportunity Award application. ***(Failure to follow directions will result in loss of points.)***

Letters of reference from two adults, representing two different sources and not related to the applicant, must be included with the official application.

Application and supporting information become the property of the Eastside BPW/USA local organization, which shall have discretionary authority in all matters pertaining to this award.

Send completed application to: Eastside BPW/USA
c/o Weber
10917 156th Court NE
Redmond, WA 98052

**Application with references attached
must be received no later than **MARCH 31st, 2008**.**

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This award recognizes a young woman for her outstanding contributions to home, school and community. This is not an award for scholastic achievement, but rather for the applicant's demonstrated commitment to improving the quality of life for others.

The recommended guidelines for choosing a recipient should include the following:

1. Applicant must be a graduating high school student, and must not have reached her 21st birthday prior to June 1st of that year.
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