

Athena Award for Continuing Education

Scholarship Application Package



Eligibility

- ☐ Must be at least 25 years of age
- ☐ Must be a resident of Seneca, Yates, or Eastern Ontario County
- ☐ Must be enrolled in an educational program on or before September 30th
- ☐ Must positively impact women in her workplace and/or in her community

Checklist

- ☐ Information, Education, and Employment Form
- ☐ Community Engagement and References Form
- ☐ Scholarship Essay 1 (please respond to all questions below)
 - ☐ What is your goal, and how do you plan to achieve it?
 - ☐ What degree or certificate program are you pursuing and why?
 - ☐ How will this scholarship help you overcome barriers in paying for your education?
 - ☐ How will this scholarship help you achieve your goals?
- ☐ Scholarship Essay 2 (please respond to all questions below)
 - ☐ How are you positively impacting women in your workplace and/or community?
 - ☐ How will achieving your goals help you to further impact women in your workplace and community?
- ☐ Attestation

Directions

- ☐ Please complete all Checklist items to the best of your ability. You may email us at athenaacea@gmail.com for help completing forms, essay review, or with any questions.
- ☐ Application Packages can be emailed to athenaacea@gmail.com or mailed to Athena A.C.E. Association, PO Box 744, Geneva, NY 14456.

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Information, Education, and Employment Form

Applicant Information

First and Last Name:	Street Address:	City, State, Zip:
Date of Birth:	Phone Number:	Email:

Education

High School:	Years Attended:	Degree Obtained:
College:	Years Attended:	Degree Obtained:
Other:	Years Attended:	Degree/Certification Obtained:

Employment

Name of Employer:	Position Held:	Dates Employed:
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Community Engagement and References Form

Community Engagement

***Please provide at least one example below

Organization:	Role:	Location:	Dates:
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Organization:	Role:	Location:	Dates:
Organization:	Role:	Location:	Dates:
Organization:	Role:	Location:	Dates:

References

***Family members not eligible

Name:	Relationship:	Email or Phone Number:
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Scholarship Essay 1

- What are your goals and how do you plan to achieve them?
- What degree or certificate program are you pursuing and why?
- How will this scholarship help you overcome barriers in paying for your education?
- How will this scholarship help you achieve your goals?

Criteria	4 Points	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point	Score
Quality of Response to Prompt	-Thoroughly addresses prompts -Response is concise, clearly stated, and completely understood by reader -All information provided is relevant	-Mostly addresses prompts -Response is mostly understood by reader -Most information provided is relevant	-Somewhat addresses prompts -Response is somewhat understood by reader -Some information provided is relevant	-Does not address prompts -Response is not understood by reader -Does not provide sufficient relevant information	
Clarity of Goals	-Describes clear goals and plans for achieving them -Describes thoroughly what degree or certificate program she is pursuing and why	-Describes goals and some plans for achieving them -Describes vaguely what degree or certificate program she is pursuing	-Describes goals but no clear plans for achieving them -Does not describe what degree or certificate program she is pursuing	-Unable to assess applicant's goals -Unable to assess applicant's pursuits	
Financial Need	-Thoroughly details how scholarship will help overcome barriers in paying for education	-Mostly details how scholarship will help overcome barriers in paying for education	-Somewhat details how scholarship will help overcome barriers in paying for education	-Does not detail how scholarship will help overcome barriers in paying for education	
Motivation	-Demonstrates excitement/passion in her area of study and in reaching goals -Demonstrates strong motivation to succeed	-Demonstrates general interest in her area of study -Motivation to succeed is generally evidenced	-Unclear about interest in her area of study -Motivation to succeed is vague	-Does not identify interest in her area of study -Does not demonstrate motivation to succeed	
Total Score					

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Scholarship Essay 2

How are you positively impacting women in your workplace and/or community?

How will achieving your goals help you to further impact women in your workplace and community?

Criteria	4 Points	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point	Score
Quality of Response to Prompt	-Thoroughly addresses prompts -Response is concise, clearly stated, and completely understood by reader -All information provided is relevant	-Mostly addresses prompts -Response is mostly understood by reader -Most information provided is relevant	-Somewhat addresses prompts -Response is somewhat understood by reader -Some information provided is relevant	-Does not address prompts -Response is not understood by reader -Does not provide sufficient relevant information	
Impact	-Deeply impacts women in her workplace and community	-Generally impacts women in her workplace and community	-Minimally impacts women in her workplace and community	-Unable to assess applicant's impact on women in her workplace and community	
Potential for Impact	-Thoroughly describes how achieving her goals will help her positively impact women	-Vaguely describes how achieving her goals will help her positively impact women	-Does not describe how achieving her goals will help her positively impact women	-Unable to assess applicant's potential for positive impact	
Total Score					

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Attestation

I affirm that all information provided is true to the best of my knowledge. If I am selected to receive the Athena A.C.E. Scholarship, I understand that I will be required to provide my Social Security Number, and that I will be responsible for any tax liability. I consent to the use of my name, photograph, and personal information in press releases and other forms of marketing for the Athena A.C.E. Scholarship.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

***The Athena A.C.E. Association directs funds to your school or program upon receiving proof of enrollment.

***Recipient(s) of the scholarship may elect to receive their award via personal check, however a completed W-9 will be required from any recipient who elects to have funds given to them directly.

How did you hear about us?

- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Instagram
- ☐ News Article
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Flyer
- ☐ Friend
- ☐ Other _____