

**Cosmopolitan Women's Club**  
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**2024 Non-Traditional Student Scholarship**

Cosmopolitan Women's Club (CWC) is proud to announce our offering of college scholarships to non-traditional students. Non-traditional students sometimes fall outside of the preconceived norms for college-bound students. Many students choose to postpone college or move directly into the workforce bypassing a university education altogether. It is only later that they decide to pursue a higher education, either to improve their professional opportunities, or to expand their general knowledge. Still other students may have had their college careers interrupted, either by growing families or financial difficulties, and only later return to complete what they had started. Many non-traditional, or returning, students can feel left out of the scholarship equation. CWC recognizes this need in the community and are excited about this opportunity to support non-traditional students.

**Non-traditional students are classified as:**

- Single parents: single mothers or single fathers
- Adult learners
- Students who didn't go directly to college after graduating high school or receiving their GED, and who are starting their higher education later in life
- Students who have experienced an interruption in their higher education for some years, and are returning to complete their degree

**The following factors will be considered for each applicant:**

- Personal circumstances and achievements
- Challenges faced in life
- Educational and career goals
- Financial need
- Impact of scholarship

**Important Dates:**

- Scholarship period begins **February 1, 2024**
- Application period ends **March 31, 2024**
- Award recipients will be notified by **May 15, 2024** via email and/or phone call
  - A scholarship program will be held on **June 9, 2024 at 3pm**. (A decision on if the program is an in-person or virtual event will be announced in April.)

**Cosmopolitan Women's Club, Inc. Non- Traditional Student Scholarship**

**Email submissions to:** Dawn C. White [Dawn.white1100@gmail.com](mailto:Dawn.white1100@gmail.com) and CC to the email [cosmopolitanwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:cosmopolitanwomensclub@gmail.com)

**If you have any questions, please call Dawn at 419-239-8808**

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**Requirements:**

- Meet the non-traditional student classification described above and be at least 24 years old.
- Pursuing a technical or vocational education, an associate degree, or a bachelor's degree no later than fall 2023
- Maintain an 80.0 average as evidenced by school transcript or other official school document. This document should reflect your overall average thus far for the 2023/2024 academic year
- Scholarship is for **African American male or female** students.
- Applicant must live in **Chemung or Steuben County** and attend school in the local area.
- Applications should be submitted via email no later than **Sunday, March 31, 2024.**

**Application Package Check List:**

- Completed application questionnaire
- Official college transcript or other official school document that reflects your average as of Semester 1.
- Official high school transcripts if you have not yet started college and have completed high school within the last 10 years.
- Typed essay in 12 or 14 font with a maximum of 2 pages front to back double spaced
- Essay Content should include:
  - A brief introduction about you and your desires to pursue higher education.
  - Financial and social hardships that might impede your pursuits of higher education.
  - What major are you pursuing and why have you selected this major?
  - Who or what inspired you to seek a college degree?
  - Describe any community service activities in which you have participated.
- Signed Media Release Form and Scholarship Tracking Disclaimer
- Scan and send (via e-mail) your photo

**Please keep first 2 pages for future reference. It is important that you follow ALL instructions and submit the requested information or you will forfeit your scholarship.**

**Please send the contents of your application package to:**

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

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

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_.com

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Ethnic Background:**

- African American/Black
- Two or more races

If you answered, "Two or more races," please self-identify which races:

\_\_\_\_\_

**High School History:**

Year of high school graduation/GED: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of high school, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_

**College:**

Vocational school, college, or university: \_\_\_\_\_

City and state where college is located: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected annual cost of college/university: \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Family Income:**

- |                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| _____ \$24,000 or below | _____ \$75,000-\$99,000    |
| _____ \$25,000-\$49,000 | _____ \$100,000- \$125,000 |
| _____ \$50,000-\$74,000 | _____ \$126,000 or above   |

Don't forget to include a photo with your application!

**Other family members in household:**  
(Please write below)

Name	Age	Grade/Employer	Relationship

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Please list school activities, community agencies, or organizations in which you have participated (volunteered) during the last ten years. This may include religious groups, hospital volunteer activities, cultural activities, outreach programs, etc.

Name of Agency or Organization	Kind of Activity	Date of Participation
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please list your employment experience. It can be part-time or full-time employment.

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of employment</u>	<u>Date</u>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time	_____
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_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time	_____
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Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Media Release

**Please include this document with your application and make sure that you your application.**

I hereby consent to the use of any photographs/video taken by the Cosmopolitan Women’s Club, Inc. or their designee(s). The photos or videos may be used on the Cosmopolitan Women’s Club website or publication. From time to time representatives of the news media are invited to cover our events. When this happens, there is a possibility you may be photographed, videotaped, or interviewed for a news story. **Please mark one of the choices below and return with your application.**

\_\_\_ Yes, I allow CWC to use my photographs or videotape when appropriate.

\_\_\_ No, I do not want CWC to use my photograph or videotape used when appropriate.

## Tracking Disclaimer

\_\_\_ I am aware that the personal information collected from this application will be used solely for the purpose of reviewing the qualifications for, and the disbursement of the scholarship funds given by the Cosmopolitan Women’s Club and its benefactors. In accepting a scholarship award, a recipient also agrees to receive follow-up contact by an authorized representative of the Cosmopolitan Women’s Club for the purpose of collecting data on how disbursed funds have been utilized. This information will be collected within a one-year period (of receipt of funds) and will be used to evaluate and measure the success of our efforts and stated organizational goals.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **(PLEASE PRINT)**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit application package no later than  
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