



BPW NZ Margery Toulson Scholarship

Purpose

The Margery Toulson Scholarship was established at the BPWNZ Conference in 2009 to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the New Zealand Federation of Business and Professional Women. The scholarship will be awarded to a BPW member undertaking education and training relating to senior leadership and governance.

Value of Scholarship to recipient

\$1,500.

Criteria for application for the scholarship

1. Current financial BPW member with consistent attendance at club meetings and active participation in club activities for at least two years.
2. Evidence of willingness to take leadership responsibility. Examples include -
Chairing the committee of a community group or other organization
Owning a business and employing staff.
Leading a substantial group project
Serving within BPW in their own club as a club president, or as a national officer, or project leader at Club or National level.
3. Evidence of achievements in chosen career, e.g. held management positions, lead a substantial campaign, managed a major project.
4. Academic attainments at tertiary level or evidence of ability to study at a tertiary level.
5. Interest in working at governance level and a reference from their BPW club president and one other non-BPW person indicating potential as a leader.
6. The proposed course of study must be provided by a recognized institution and be approved by the selection panel as relevant to senior leadership and governance.
7. If selected as a finalist, the applicant must attend the 2010 BPWNZ conference at their own expense (their club may assist them) for a private interview and an oral presentation to the Conference.

Application Requirements

- Written applications must to be made on the BPW NZ Margery Toulson Scholarship form and be accompanied by relevant documents and references.
- Entries may be submitted in written or electronic format.
- **Closing date = 15th March 2010**

Selection Process for the Marjory Toulson Scholarship

1. The BPW NZ Projects Convener and the Governance Network (or the Projects Committee if the Governance Network does not form) will select up to three finalists from applicants.
 2. The finalists must attend conference at their own expense (may be assisted by their club) during which they will be interviewed by a panel made up of -
 - The BPW NZ President or her designated representative (a BPW member)
 - Two other panelists who may, or may not, be BPW members -
 - One of whom must have proven experience of leadership at a senior level.
 - One who is or has been a director of a medium to large company, government or NGO Board.
 3. Finalists will also make a 10 minute presentation on the first day of the Conference, on the subject of “The importance of gender balance at the top” and this will be part of the selection process.
 4. The winner will be announced on the Sunday of Conference before Lunch.
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