Hello Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Raleigh Business and Professional Women’s 2015 scholarships. Two (2) named scholarships are available:

* $1000 Lois Frazier Scholarship (Merit-based)
* $1000 Mary Fox Scholarship (Needs and merit)

Included in this packet are: a description of the scholarships, an application form, and a list of essay questions. Please pay close attention to the application instructions.

E-mail your application package no later than April 10, 2015, to apply for only one of the two scholarships. We look forward to hearing from you – and good luck to all the applicants!

Sincerely,

Cyndi Lowdermilk

2015 BPW/Raleigh Scholarship Chair

Scholarship@bpwraleigh.org

**Donor:** Raleigh Business and Professional Women

**Award:** Two scholarships of **$1000** will be awarded on April 28, 2015. The scholarship will apply toward tuition or other defined school expenses and will be paid to the school on the recipient’s behalf. Application deadline: April 10, 2015. Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified. Scholarship questions should be directed to Susan Cope, BPW/Raleigh Scholarship Committee, by phone at 919-272-5453 or by e-mail at scholarship@bpwraleigh.org.

**Qualifications:**

* Be currently enrolled (full or part-time) at an accredited community college, college, university, or institute of higher education
* Current high school students are not eligible.
* Reside within the North Carolina counties of Wake, Durham, Orange, or Johnston (but can attend school outside the area)
* Have a career plan after completion of schooling
* May be either male or female
* Be in good academic standing (2.5 GPA or higher)
* Complete an application form provided by the BPW/NC Raleigh Scholarship Chair
* Submit most recent grade transcript (copies are acceptable.)
* Submit one personal or professional recommendation letter
* Complete 2 of the 4 essay questions provided here

**APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE SENT TOGETHER BY APRIL 10, 2015.**

**How to Apply:** E-mail applications to  **Cyndi Lowdermilk, BPW/Raleigh Scholarship Chair,** **scholarship@bpwraleigh.org****.**  All applications must be received by the April 5th deadline. The committee will send you a confirmation reply. Applicants can obtain necessary application form(s) from:

* College or university financial aid office
* BPW website ([www.bpwraleigh.org](http://www.bpw-nc.org))

**Selection of Scholarship Winner:** The BPW/Raleigh Scholarship Committee will screen all applications. The winner will be notified via phone and presented the award at the BPW/Raleigh dinner meeting in Raleigh, NC on Tuesday, April 28, 2015. Networking begins at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner and the award presentation. Attendance is requested.

**Payment Plan:** The scholarship will be payable to the school the recipient will attend at the beginning of the Fall 2015 term. The scholarship recipient must arrange for bills to be sent to the BPW/Raleigh Scholarship Chair.

**One scholarship of $1000 will be awarded per applicant.**

**SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS (Must be received by APRIL 10, 2015)**

* + **Scholarship name (Lois Frazier or Mary Fox)**
	+ **Completed application form**
	+ **Official transcript** **of scholastic record**
	+ **Recommendation letter**
	+ **Responses to 2 of our 4 essay questions**

**SCHOLARSHIP NAME:** *(YOU MAY APPLY FOR ONLY ONE)*

**Lois Frazier Scholarship**  **Mary Fox Scholarship**

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| **APPLICATION** |
| **TO STUDENT:** Please complete the following information. If more space is needed, please submit additional sheet(s). |
| **Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial** | **Date** |
| **Classification in Fall 2015**[ ]  Freshman | [ ]  Sophomore | [ ]  Junior | [ ]  Senior | [ ]  Graduate Student | **Enrollment Status**[ ]  Full time [ ]  Half time[ ]  Less than half time  |
| **Name of Institution/School** | **Currently Enrolled?** |
| **School Street Address** **City, State, Zip** **School E-mail Address Phone (Area** **Code)**  |
| **Home Street Address** **City, State, Zip** **E-mail Address Phone (Area Code)**  |
| **Cumulative GPA**  | **Expected Degree**  Other AA/AS BA/BS MA/ MS PhD | **Major Field of Study** | **Expected Date of Graduation** |
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| **Current or Last Employer** | **Will You Continue to Work While Enrolled?** |
|  | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| **List any extracurricular activities, community involvement, leadership positions/offices held, awards/honors:** |
| **Write a brief statement regarding your special achievements, your college plans, your goals, your current employment.** |
| **FINANCIAL DATA (Required for Mary Fox Scholarship only)** |
| **Have you applied for or received any other scholarship or financial aid? If yes, specify source and amount received:** |
| **Percentage of assistance toward your educational cost you expect to receive from those sources:** |
| **Are you contributing financially to your education at this time? If so, how much?** | **If you cannot contribute, why are you unable to do so?** |
| **Write a brief statement regarding any special circumstances of financial need which you think should be considered:** |
| **Total Annual Tuition & Required Fees:**  |
| **Expected Resources for School**  |
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| **From Family (yourself, spouse, parents)** | **From Friends or Relatives** | **From Savings** | **From Other Financial Aid** | **Total expected resources:** |
| $ | $ | $ | $ | **$** |

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| **Annual Income** |
| **Your Annual Income** | **Spouses Annual Income** (if married) | **Parents Annual Income** (if you receive financial support from them**)** |
| $ | $ | $ |
| **Number in Your Household** | **Of the Members in Your Household, Number in College Including You** |
| **Marital Status**\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_ Widowed | **Your Date of Birth** |
| **Dependents Name(s) | Age(s):** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_ Names and ages:  1. Age 2. Age  3. Age 4. Age  5. Age 6. Age  |
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| **Applicant’s signature** DATE My signature above indicates that all of the above information is true and accurate. |

 Please complete two of the following four essay questions. Each essay should be no longer than 150 words in length. Essays should be typed and double spaced.

**Answer TWO of the following:**

1. In your own words, define success and the qualities that would make an individual successful in life and business.
2. Describe the importance of a diverse workforce and the steps employers and employees should take to encourage greater diversity.
3. Who or what has made the biggest impact in your life? Why?
4. Is your academic record an accurate reflection of your potential for career success? Fully describe the reasons for your answer.

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