**Dorothea R. Hoffner**

**Continuing Education Award**

**Scholarship Application**



**Zonta Club of Essex County**

**Member Club of Zonta International**

*Build a Better World for Women and Girls*

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**What is Zonta?**

Founded in 1919, Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. With more than 33,000 members belonging to more than 1,200 Zonta Clubs in 68 countries and geographic areas, Zontians volunteer their time, talents and support via local and international service projects and scholarship programs aimed at fulfilling Zonta’s mission and objectives.

The Zonta Club of Essex County is an affiliate of Zonta International. Our members perform service and advocacy to support Zonta International initiatives serving the local area and throughout the northern New Jersey area.

**This Award**

The Zonta Club of Essex County has established the Dorothea R. Hoffner Continuing Education Award to be awarded to a woman who shows particular interest in education, especially as a way to promote the goals of other young women. She must have been accepted for matriculation.

Dorothea R. Hoffner was a longtime member of the greater Newark community, known for her advocacy on behalf of the people of Essex County. Though she received her BA when she was young, she put aside her ambitions to raise three children, later returning to acquire the education she needed to teach. As Professor of English at Union County College, Dr. Hoffner taught many people who were themselves returning students and in fact, these were often her favorite students.

This Continuing Education Award has been established in her memory.

**Why?**

The goal of the Zonta Club of Essex County Dorothea R. Hoffner Continuing Education Award program is to encourage women to complete their post-secondary education degree. To assist women to be “in the room” and represented in key decision-making positions worldwide, we must encourage women to pursue careers or seek leadership positions by furthering their education. Zonta believes that education will assist the award recipient to gain confidence and independence, improve financial stability and generate empowerment.

**Who is Eligible?**

Any woman pursuing completion of an undergraduate degree in education and related studies. Applicants must live in New Jersey. The Applicant must demonstrate intent and commitment to completing her undergraduate degree, and must demonstrate initiative, ambition and commitment to achieving her career path.

**Application Requirements**

Present the following in English (no handwritten submissions accepted):

* Complete the official designated application
* Provide verification of enrollment by the school/institute official, at time of selection.
* Provide two recommendations from adults not related to the applicant, such as professors, employee supervisors, or community leaders
* Provide responses in 200 words or less (each question) to the posed application questions to clearly describe your personal and professional goals, and how this award will assist you in reaching your goals.

Application can be accessed from our website www.zontaclubofessexcounty.com.

All application materials must be received by the Zonta Club of Essex County either by postal mail or emailed to [zontaclubofessexcounty@gmail.com](mailto:Zontaclubofessexcounty@gmail.com). See final page of application for mailing address.

Deadline for applying is June 1, 2025.

**Application Process**

Applications received by the Zonta Club of Essex County will be reviewed and evaluated by a committee established within the Club. An application will not be considered if incomplete.

**How the Award Funds May be Used**

The award funds may be used for expenses that support the achievement of a post-secondary degree.

The award will be paid at the beginning of your academic session.

Recipients are not permitted to defer the award. Zonta will consider a new application the following year, but no preferential consideration will be given to a second application.

Recipients may accept additional grants and scholarships from other sources.

**DOROTHEA R. HOFFNER CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARD 2025**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Name:       Date of Birth:

Address:

Cell Phone:       Home Phone:

Email Address:

High School Name and Address:

High School Date of Graduation:

Do you have children:  No  Yes Number:

Are you employed?  Yes  No

Employer name:

Are you a CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENT:  Yes  No

College/University Name and Address Harvard University

I will be a ………Sophomore  Junior  Senior

What degree or certification are you pursuing?

List the names of other scholarships and grants for which you have applied, and the amount received, if any:

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To what colleges/universities have you applied?

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| **Name** |  | **Accepted** |
|  |  | Yes  No |
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|  |  | Yes  No |
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What college/university will you attend:

I plan to attend:  Full-time  Part-time  Day  Evening

I plan to live:  On Campus  Off-campus  At home

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| **Estimated Budget for Coming Year** | | | | | |
| **Estimated Income** | |  | | **Anticipated Expenses** | |
| Personal Earnings |  | |  | Tuition |  |
| Parent/family Contribution |  | |  | Fees |  |
| Savings |  | |  | Room & Board |  |
| Scholarships/Grants |  | |  | Books & Supplies |  |
| Other Sources |  | |  | Other |  |
| **Total** |  | |  | **Total** |  |

Please answer all questions below, noting the word limit for each. Preference will be given to those applicants who observe the word restrictions. In evaluating applications all questions are rated in equal value.

1. Volunteer and Other Activities. Describe the activities in which you participate as a volunteer that benefit other causes and any leadership roles you have had in those activities. Please include with these activities a description of any experience in local government, international, or other projects. (200)

2. Please describe your academic and professional goals, the relevance of your educational objectives to your career goals and how this Zonta Club of Essex County Dorothea R. Hoffner Continuing Education Award will assist you in achieving your goals. (200)

3. Please describe the activities you participate in which increase your experience, knowledge, and understanding of other countries and their different customs. (200)

4. How will your life experiences help you to succeed in your post-secondary pursuits and beyond? (200)

5. Explain here any other circumstances that may have bearing on this application. Why do you feel qualified for this scholarship? Any consideration for a future in education? (200).

DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I grant permission to the Zonta Club of Essex County to use my name or photograph in literature designed to promote Zonta International and Zonta Club of Essex County.

I certify that all of the information contained in my application form is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I confirm that I am not a family member of a classified member and/or employee of Zonta International. I understand that I may be interviewed as a candidate for the Zonta Club of Essex County Dorothea R. Hoffner Continuing Education Award. I consent to the electronic or hard copy publication by Zonta Club of Essex County of material in my application.

Date Signature

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**SEND APPLICATION AND RESPONSES TO:**

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| Application Deadline: | **June 1, 2025** |
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| Zonta Club: | Zonta Club of Essex County |
| Attention: | Scholarship Chair |
| Address: | PO Box 204 |
| City/State: | South Orange, NJ |
| Zip: | 07079 |
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