

Dorothea R. Hoffner

Continuing Education Award

Scholarship Application



Zonta Club of Essex County
Member Club of Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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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 had to interrupt her post-secondary educational path due to life circumstances such as, but not limited to, economic hardship, marriage, childrearing, family obligations, or similar circumstances, who now wants to resume her post-secondary education, and who has 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.

The 2022 Award will be granted in the amount of \$1,200.00

Why?

The goal of the Zonta Club of Essex County Dorothea R. Hoffner Continuing Education Award program is to encourage women to pursue their educational path and complete their post-secondary educational 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 25 and older, pursuing completion of an undergraduate degree in any subject area and who, due to life circumstances, had to interrupt her educational path but is now returning to school to complete that degree. Applicants must live in Essex or Union County, New Jersey. The Applicant must demonstrate intent and commitment to completing her undergraduate degree, and must demonstrate initiative, ambition and commitment to achieving the career path of her choice.

Application Requirements

Present the following in English:

- ❑ 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.

Deadline for applying is July 15, 2022.

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 or certificate in the chosen field.

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.

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2022
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? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Employer name: _____

Are you a CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENT: ☐ No ☐ Yes

College/University Name and Address

I will be aSophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

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

To what colleges/universities have you applied?

Name	Accepted
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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

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 challenges you faced that prevented you from previously completing your post-secondary education, and how you have dealt with/overcame those challenges. (200)

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

5. What would you say to someone who may have faced similar challenges and, if in a position to do so, how would you help them to achieve their personal and professional goals? (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

SEND APPLICATION AND RESPONSES TO:

Application Deadline:

July 15, 2022

Zonta Club:

Zonta Club of Essex County

Attention:

Scholarship Chair

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South Orange, NJ

Zip:

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