**Non-Traditional Scholarship Criteria**

BACKGROUND: Non-traditional education, formerly known as re-entry students, generally refers to adults over the age of 25 who are starting or returning to college. Such students have a wide variety of cultural and educational backgrounds, abilities, responsibilities and experiences. It is our belief that much learning occurs outside of the classroom, thus enabling these students to benefit from and add to the classroom experience of all.

This scholarship is for Amador County women who have previously completed some

college courses or who wish to pursue a college degree including unemployed/underemployed women who wish to improve their career options. Annually, the branch Leadership Committee will establish both the number of scholarships to be offered and the amount of each award based on available funds.

Application requirements are as follows:

1) Applicant must have been a resident of Amador County for at least two of the last six years

2) Demonstration of financial need

3) Submission of an official transcript from the last high school or college attended (Transcripts are available online from the most recent former educational institution.)

4) Submission of a brief, written essay with career goals identified and described that includes previous education (e.g. high school graduation or since they stopped attending college) and life experiences. The essay should also include the applicant’s family responsibilities (if any), volunteer activities, and employment history with dates and names starting from the furthest back to the present (e.g. 2010 to 2025).

5) The applicant must declare the number of units in which she plans to enroll in the summer or fall semester.

6) Personal interview with the Scholarship Committee, if necessary (either in-person or online)

The application period begins in the new year with a deadline of March 15.

Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than May 15th.

The scholarship will be awarded upon submission of proof of registration from the college registrar’s office.

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