About National
The National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) is the only dues-based national organization representing the interests of all women entrepreneurs in all industries. Founded in 1975, NAWBO’s vision is to propel women entrepreneurs into economic, social and political spheres of influence worldwide.

NAWBO currently has over 8,000 members in over 80 chapters nationwide. NAWBO’s strength comes from its diverse membership – business of all sizes and in all industries, and in all regions of the country. NAWBO is part of the growing network of women entrepreneurs around the world.

About Inland Empire Chapter
As one of 80 NAWBO chapters nationwide, NAWBO-IE is the premier organization for women business owners in the Inland Empire, representing the two largest counties in the United States in terms of square miles – San Bernardino and Riverside. The power of our voice on business and economic issues affecting women-owned businesses is heard in Sacramento and at the national level.

Our goal is to promote and enhance the growth and profitability of our member businesses. Our mission is to increase NAWBO-IE’s presence and involvement in the Inland Empire community, making us the “Organization of Choice.” Monthly meetings provide business owners with educational and informational programs, opportunities to engage in public policy efforts, along with networking and relationship building activities. We support the aspirations of future women business owners by providing scholarships to young women in our local colleges and universities. Our website is www.nawbo-ie.org

About the Inland Empire Women's Education Scholarship Award
The Inland Empire Women's Education Foundation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation organized and operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The specific purpose of the organization is to provide education and related services to women-owned businesses, as well as guidance with respect to the formation and growth of such businesses.
**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CRITERIA**

**NAME OF THE AWARD:** INLAND EMPIRE WOMEN’S EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

| NUMBER OF AWARDS TO BE GIVEN ANNUALLY: | One to three individuals |
| AMOUNT OF AWARDS: | Varies from year to year |
| MONIES AWARDED TO: | Individual winners |

**SPECIFIC CRITERIA:**

- Recipient must have a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 (verified)
- Recipient must have completed two full semesters or four quarters
- Recipient must be in financial need
- Recipient must be enrolled in an A.S. or B.S. Business or Entrepreneurial Program
- Recipient must be attending an accredited school or college in the Inland Empire area
- Recipient must include a minimum of 2 professional or educational letters of reference and 1 personal letter of reference

All recipients are to answer the questions on the enclosed scholarship award application. The application packet must be sent to:

Scholarship Award Committee  
Lisa Day-Allen, Scholarship Chair

NAWBO-Inland Empire  
P.O. Box 1501  
Upland, CA 91785-1501  
(909) 268-3095 or email: lisanday@yahoo.com

The scholarship application packet should be received on or before **5:00 PM on Friday, March 2nd, 2012.** Only postmarks by that date will qualify (no hand deliveries will be accepted).

Finalists will be notified by telephone or email sometime in Mid-March and MUST be available to come to the **Amazing Women Scholarship and Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at the beautiful Eagle Glen Golf Club in Corona, CA.** **NOTE: The minimum scholarship amount will be $500.00.**

Students enrolled in business or entrepreneurial programs may become members of our chapter at reduced student member rates. Becoming a member allows them the opportunity to see women business owners “at work” and build a strong network.
ESSAY QUESTIONS: Please provide a 1-2 page typed statement answering the following questions:

1) Why did you decide to enter business school?

2) How will the IEWEF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD help you meet your educational and professional goals?

3) What are your financial needs?

SPECIFIC CRITERIA: To qualify for the IEWEF Scholarship Program, recipient must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Have a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 (verified)
- Have completed two full semesters or four quarters
- Be in financial need
- Be enrolled in an A.S. or B.S. Business or Entrepreneurial Program
- Be attending an accredited school or college in the Inland Empire area
- Include minimum of 2 professional or educational letters of reference, plus 1 personal letter of reference

TO APPLY: The scholar application packet should include the following items:

1. A 1-2 page personal statement answering the Essay Questions above
2. A copy of your unofficial transcript
3. Any relevant information about yourself and your educational and professional goals, including bio, letters of reference, and promotional materials. Be sure to include any community service or volunteer/intern experience, in particular that is related to field of study.
4. Deliver the completed application packet to:
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