



**Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce
Women's Networking Grant Committee
WOMENS EMPOWERMENT GRANT**

CRITERIA

The Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce Women's Networking Grant Committee will award an annual grant(s).

The Women's Networking Empowerment Grant was established to encourage women to pursue training or education that will help them start or advance a career.

The target of the grant is women who:

- are currently working and want to advance in their career through education or training
- are returning to the workforce
- are seeking to change their current career path and pursue something more in line with their interests or passions

The grant is also intended to be available to those who would not necessarily have access to scholarships or grants. For this reason, graduating high school students will not be eligible to apply for the grant. The following criteria will be used in the screening of applications for the annual grant.

- 1.) Candidates must reside within the service area of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, which encompasses anyone who resides within the perimeters of the Hazleton Area School District.
- 2.) Women's networking attendees/participants may receive preference.
- 3.) Candidates must send a cover letter and fully completed application.

- 4.) Applications, cover letters and proof of enrollment are due no later than July 31, 2026 with an anticipated end of August 2026 notification.
- 5.) Applications will be scored on the following areas: Academic Information, Employment Information, Civic Involvement, Essay, and Financial Need.
- 6.) Applications will be reviewed by a committee of no less than three members of the Women's Networking Grant Committee.
- 7.) Candidates may be interviewed on an as needed basis by the Women's Networking Grant Committee. Interview Date will be *Thursday, August 13th*. Options include in person or via zoom
- 8.) Funds will be distributed directly to the educational institution.



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APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Academic Information:

Education completed to date: _____

Did you graduate from high school?: _____

Have you taken any College credits? _____ If so, how many? _____

What is your course of study? _____

What degree/certificate will you ultimately attain? _____

(attach a certified transcript from the college to this application if you completed any college semester)

Employment Information:

Are you currently employed? ____ If so, where? _____

In what capacity are you employed (job title)? _____

How long have you been employed at this business? _____

Civic Involvement:

Organization

Type of Involvement

Essay:

Prepare a 500 word essay detailing why you wish to begin your education, return to college, or improve your workplace skills, what your goals are, and why and how you feel the Women’s Networking Committee can help you reach those goals.

Financial Need:

Applicant’s household earnings: _____

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH COVER LETTER TO:

GREATER HAZLETON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

8 West Broad Street

Mezzanine Suite 1490

Hazleton, PA 18201

Phone: 570.455.1509

email: Mmalone@hazletonchamber.org