



**Bismarck-Mandan  
Business & Professional Women's Club (BPW)  
Esther Hample Scholarship**

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**Purpose**

Esther Hample was born in 1901 in Oskaloosa, Iowa. She attended John Fletcher College (now Vennard College) in University Park, Iowa, where she studied biology. Esther taught high school in Iowa and Kentucky before moving to Bismarck in 1933. While in Bismarck, Esther continued her education by taking courses at universities in Iowa, North Dakota and Michigan. From 1959-1977, she was the Burleigh County Superintendent of Schools. In 1960, the Bismarck-Mandan Business and Professional Women's Club (BPW) named Esther "Woman of the Year". In 1976, the Bismarck Chapter of the National Secretaries Association named her "Boss of the Year". That same year, Vennard College named Esther the "Distinguished Alumni" in the field of education. Esther was a member of McCabe Methodist Church, the Bismarck-Mandan Art Association, the Symphony League, the American Association of University Women, Zonta International and, of course, the Bismarck-Mandan Business & Professional Women's Club. She was also active in other organizations including the Red Cross, Easter and Christmas Seals and other groups serving the state and community.

Esther never missed a BPW meeting, even after she started experiencing physical difficulties toward the end of her 91 years of life. Her original bequest to BPW was \$1,333. Esther did a number of wonderful things in her lifetime and was well-respected. For these reasons, the Bismarck-Mandan Business & Professional Women's Club wants to reward deserving women with this scholarship opportunity. The Bismarck-Mandan BPW Club has continued to add to the scholarship fund each year from various sources but mostly through monies raised via its annual golf tournament.

**The following criteria must be met in order to apply for the scholarship:**

1. Applicants must be female.
2. Applicants must be at least 20 years old by August 31, 2012.
3. Applicants must have graduated, or received a GED, from a Bismarck or Mandan school.
4. Applicants must:
  - (A) Be enrolled at an institute of higher learning, anywhere in the United States, in one or more classes during the fall semester of 2012 **OR**
  - (B) Be enrolled for the session beginning September 2012 or November 2012 at the JZ Trend Academy or The Hair Academy **OR**
  - (C) Be enrolled in classes during the fall quarter (October 2012) at Rasmussen College.
5. Applicants who have previously attended a college/university or vocational school must have maintained at least a 2.5 GPA.
6. Preference will be given to the applicants who demonstrate the most financial need.

### **Scholarship Award Components**

One (1) \$1000 scholarship and one (1) \$500 scholarship will be awarded to applicants chosen by the Bismarck-Mandan Business & Professional Women's Club Scholarship Committee. The BPW Club will disburse the \$500 scholarship in one lump sum and will be awarded to the recipient in one lump sum. The North Dakota Community Foundation is responsible for disbursing the payments for the \$1000 scholarship. Payments are sent directly to the educational institution that the applicants are attending. Further details regarding the \$1000 scholarship are listed below.

#### ***For applicants attending, or planning to attend, any institute of higher learning located in the United States:***

The scholarship funds will be disbursed in two equal payments – one payment for the fall semester and one payment for the spring semester.\*

The spring semester payment is contingent upon the student earning at least a 2.5 GPA (on a scale of 4.0) for the fall semester.\*\*

#### ***For applicants attending, or planning to attend JZ Trend Academy:***

The scholarship funds will be disbursed in two equal payments.\*

The disbursement of the second payment is contingent upon the student maintaining satisfactory progress.\*\*

#### ***For applicants attending, or planning to attend The Hair Academy:***

The scholarship funds will be disbursed in two equal payments.\*

The disbursement of the second payment is contingent upon the student having a combined score (theory and practical portions) of 75% or higher just prior to disbursement of the second payment.\*\*

#### ***For applicants attending, or planning to attend Rasmussen College:***

The funds will be disbursed in two equal payments – one payment for the fall quarter and one payment for the winter quarter.\*

The second payment is contingent upon the recipient earning a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 during the fall quarter.\*\*

\*If the scholarship recipient is close to completing her training and there is only one disbursement date left at the recipient's school, the Scholarship Committee is agreeable to pay the total scholarship amount in one lump sum.

\*\*In the event the scholarship recipient is not eligible to receive the second payment, the Bismarck-Mandan Business and Professional Women's Club requests that the remaining monies be returned to the club.

**Application Process - Applicant Must Submit All of the Following:**

1. A completed application form (incomplete applications **will not** be considered).
2. Two, typed letters of reference from high school teachers, college professors, community leaders and/or employers.
3. Your most current transcript showing GPA. If you have not attended school (high school or college) for 15 years or more, a transcript is not required. If you are currently attending a hairstyling school, please submit an official document showing proof of satisfactory progress. (A document on the school's letterhead signed by the school's financial aid director would suffice.)
4. Proof of enrollment in fall semester/quarter/session of the college, university, hair-styling school, or vocational school you plan to attend.

**Submit application packet to:**  
**Scholarship Committee**  
**Bismarck-Mandan**  
**Business & Professional Women's Club**  
**PO Box 4064**  
**Bismarck ND 58502-4064**

**The application deadline is June 1, 2012.** Applications postmarked after June 1, 2012, will not be considered. The winner and a guest will be invited to attend the Bismarck-Mandan Business and Professional Women's Club golf tournament banquet the evening of July 25, 2012, at which time the winner's name will be formally announced.

The chair of the Scholarship Committee will notify the winner by phone. Because only women participate in the golf tourney and attend the banquet, you may want to consider inviting a female as your guest. However, that is a decision we'll leave up to you.

**IMPORTANT:** Please provide us with the following information so we know where to mail your scholarship money. Thank you!

Name of Person (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



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First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

School address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school you graduated from OR where you obtained your GED:

\_\_\_\_\_

Month and year you obtained your diploma or GED: \_\_\_\_\_

School planning to attend or attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly state your professional goals:

**Financial Need Information**

1. Are you planning to work while attending school? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If yes, how many hours per week, on average, will you work? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many dependents do you have? \_\_\_\_\_ What are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Will you receive, or have you been receiving, financial assistance from your spouse, parents, guardian or other sources to attend school? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If yes, please indicate who is (or will be) assisting you, the approximate amount that is being (or will be) provided to you and if the amount is for a semester, a quarter, a year, etc.

4. List scholarships or other sources of financial assistance you **expect to receive** during the 2012-2013 year (include assistance from your parents and spouse, as well as federal, state and local government agencies).

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I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.  
(please print full name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

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Date