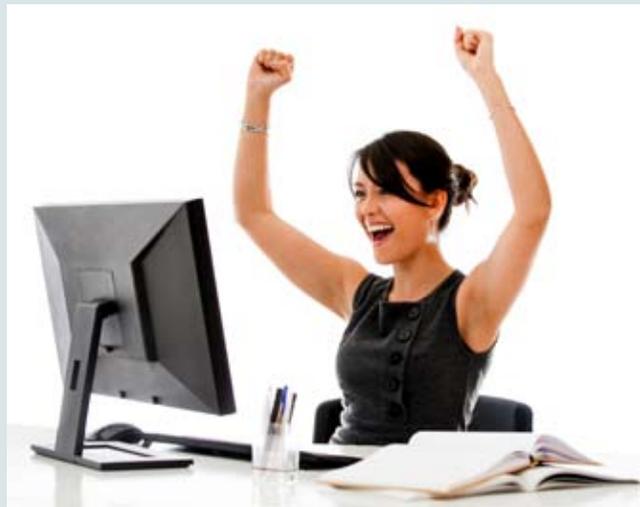


The Gift of Education

CWEF wants to do more to provide equity for Colorado women by providing financial support in the form of scholarships to more women each year enabling them to pursue an education and a career. By assisting these women in completing their educational goals, it sets a tremendous example for their families and friends. Many former recipients report that they are the first in their family to attend an institution of higher education or vocational training.

Encourage eligible women you know to apply for a CWEF scholarship. The Foundation's scholarship program is as strong as its demand. As the demand grows, so will CWEF's ability to increase its support.

The Foundation depends upon gifts, donations, tributes, memorials, bequests, as well as fundraising events conducted by the CWEF Board of Trustees. It has expanded its supporters over the years to include a diverse and growing tapestry of individuals, foundations, and corporations. Consider joining these supporters to provide the gift that lasts a lifetime: an education.



MISSION

The Colorado Women's Education Foundation invests in women who are transforming their lives through education...for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Donate

Your contributions enable CWEF to provide scholarships to deserving women. CWEF depends entirely on contributions and as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization all donations are tax deductible. Online donations are easy and secure on CWEF's website.

Become a Part of CWEF

CWEF is looking for energetic, committed, talented, and consensus-building women with expertise in finance, fundraising, event planning, and/or creating corporate partnerships to serve as board members.

Get Involved

Become a Foundation Liaison sharing CWEF's news and information at your local chapter meetings of Business and Professional Women of Colorado.

Volunteer

Share your time and passion with CWEF as a volunteer. The Foundation is always in need of individuals and organizations willing to help with small or large tasks.



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Get to Know CWF

The Colorado Women's Education Foundation (CWF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization originally incorporated as the Colorado Business and Professional Women's Foundation in 1976. The Foundation was initially established for the purpose of providing grants, fellowships, scholarships, and loans to Colorado residents. Over the years, the Foundation's name changed and the awards gradually evolved to become scholarships for women of non-traditional student age. CWF realizes the value and power of education and it achieves its mission by supporting these women in the pursuit of their higher education goals.

CWF invests in a special demographic of women. Since our recipients are older, they may not be eligible for grant programs or are excluded by other scholarship programs. They are often single—having been widowed, divorced, or abandoned—and may be caring for multiple dependents, including children and aging parents, and are challenged to support themselves and their families, in addition to completing their education. CWF believes education is the key to helping women become more economically self-sufficient. CWF's financial and personal investment in these women has many positive impacts extending to their families and further into their communities.



"Supporting CWF makes a HUGE amount of sense. It is gratifying and important to move women in Colorado towards economic self-sufficiency, and the Foundation has a terrific impact in helping women achieve success and happiness in their lives. So I am proud to be associated with such a wonderful organization." ~ Claire Beckman, CWF Donor



"This scholarship is not only helpful in the financial sense, it serves as a great emotional boost to be recognized by other women, many of whom have pursued higher education in the midst of raising a family and career. I hope to encourage other women returning to school at a later stage in life, as it is very fulfilling and enriching."

~ Kim, 2001 scholarship recipient

**Since its inception,
CWF has provided
over 500 women
with scholarships
totaling almost
\$400,000.**

Scholarships

CWF awards scholarships to Colorado women of non-traditional student age for study at accredited educational institutions of higher learning or vocational training in Colorado. Applicants must be at least 25 years old and demonstrate U.S. citizenship, Colorado residency, academic potential, financial need, career goals, leadership skills, and community involvement.

The CWF Board of Trustees reviews the applications and awards scholarships without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, or sexual preference. The selection process is more difficult than ever given the record number of applications the Foundation receives and the high quality of achievement portrayed by these women. The number and the amount of the scholarships vary depending on available funds.



Check the website at www.cwf.org for application deadlines and to download a scholarship application.

"It's not just about the scholarship money; it's about intelligent and motivated women helping each other. It's about encouragement and hope. For me it's a boost in all these areas of my life. I will always remember your fine organization."

~ Ashley, 2007 scholarship recipient

