



Virginia Ruff Women's Scholarship for Continuing Education

This \$1000 scholarship honors Virginia Ruff, a member of Bedford BPW for more than 50 years at the time of her death in April 2002 at age 94. A graduate of The College of Mary Washington and The College of William and Mary, Miss Ruff dedicated her life to the education of Bedford children as a teacher at the Villamont and Montvale schools, and as a librarian at Bedford and Liberty High Schools. She retired in 1973. This scholarship provides financial assistance for women seeking education to re-enter the job market, advancement and/or to achieve economic self-sufficiency. A committee of four BPW members selects the recipient.

Application must be submitted/postmarked by Friday, June 30, 2023.

Recipient will be notified by: July 24, 2023.

Eligibility Criteria

- Be a woman 25 years or older
- A citizen of the United States
- Bedford town or county resident for at least two years
- Accepted by an accredited program course of study
- Demonstrate need for financial assistance to upgrade skills or education

Scholarship Packet

1. **COMPLETED APPLICATION:** typed or printed legibly.
2. **TRANSCRIPTS WITH GPA:** if you have attended college in the last five years.
3. **TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BELOW GUIDELINES:**
 - Letters from employers, co-workers, counselor or friends-do not use relatives or fellow classmates
 - References should be obtained by applicant and mailed to contact person listed in a sealed envelope
 - If references are not received by deadline, application is deemed incomplete

****Your application will not be considered if incomplete****

The application should be completed with all required documentation and mailed directly to:

Karen May
1222 Wright Farm Rd.
Bedford, VA 24523
KMay1955@hotmail.com

Applicants may also apply online via:

www.bpwva.org/virginia-ruff-womens-scholarship-for-continuing-education/

Virginia Ruff Women's Scholarship for Continuing Education Application

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ E-mail address: _____

Telephone: _____ Are you a Bedford Town/County Resident? _____

Education:

Begin with high school or equivalency.

Name & Location of School	Attended from/to	Did you Graduate?	Name of Degree or Certificate

Employment:

Please list employment beginning with your current employer or latest employer.
If you need additional space, please use a separate sheet of paper.

Place of Employment and Address	Starting & Ending Dates	Reason for Leaving

Scholastic Information:

School you will be attending: _____

Address: _____

Date of enrollment: _____ Degree/Certificate: _____

Adviser's Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Program/Course of Study: _____

How will you pay for your education? _____

Are you receiving other financial aid? _____ If yes, please specify: _____

Are you supporting anyone other than yourself? _____

Will you work while attending school? _____

If so, how many hours per week? _____

Personal Information:

A typed autobiography of no more than one page. This should include your philosophy on education, your interests, goals, school or other achievements, etc. The final paragraph should state why you should receive this scholarship and what you want to achieve with this degree.

Financial Aid Office

I _____, give permission to
_____, institution of study to release
information concerning financial aid to the Scholarship Committee of the Bedford Professional Women's
Organization. The committee will review this information with the sole purpose of determining financial need.

Name and Address of Financial Aid Office	Contact Person

Student Certification

I am a student who is pursuing my degree. I understand that if I am the recipient of this scholarship, the monies will be paid directly to the institution of study named for my benefit. If for any reason I am selected and do not continue my education, I will immediately notify BPW.

Signature of Applicant

Date
