



WomenGive is a leadership initiative of United Way of Larimer County in partnership with the Women's Foundation of Colorado engaging local women's compassion, volunteerism & financial resources to bring changes to issues that affect women & girls. Knowing that education is an integral component of self-sufficiency, WomenGive makes an impact by providing childcare scholarships to single parents continuing their education. Childcare scholarships will be awarded to single mothers (or female permanent custodial parent) working towards their GED, certificate or degree program.

General Information: The scholarship award amount is based on number of credits the recipient is enrolled in for the duration of the semester. The monies will be distributed by the United Way of Larimer County and must be given directly to the childcare provider. Scholarship monies cover direct care services. Scholarships do not cover previous balances, registration fees, activity fees or extra meals. If a student drops a class or withdraws from a class the award amount will be adjusted accordingly. The amount paid is the exact cost of services provided not to exceed the following limits (Any costs for care above these limits must be covered by the recipient);

Taking 12 or more credits-up to \$200 per child per week for full time care or up to \$100 week per child for before & after school care

Taking 9 to 11 credits- up to \$150 per child per week for full time care or up to \$100 week per child for before & after school care

Taking 6-8 credits- up to \$100 per child per week for full time care or up to \$75 week per child for before & after school care

General Criteria for Applicants:

1. Must demonstrate financial need and have income at or below 225% of the Federal Poverty Level.
2. Must be nominated by a nonprofit organization, educator, childcare provider or employer.
3. Must be a Larimer County resident.
4. Must be a U.S. citizen or lawfully admitted alien.
5. Must not be in default on a federal student loan.
6. Must maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.0.
7. Applications will not be considered from students working on a Master's degree or PhD.
8. Income of applicant for scholarship review purposes is defined as wages and child support.

Priority will be given to applicants:

1. Taking a minimum of 12 credit hours (or Full Time Equivalent).
2. Single mother or female permanent custodial parent living ONLY with child(ren).
3. Currently receiving a scholarship and in good standing with the WomenGive Scholarship Program.
4. Demonstrating initiative.

Nomination Letter (must include the answers to the following questions):

- o Why do you recommend this person to be selected for this scholarship?
- o What do you know about this student's educational and career goals?
- o Please describe this person's life management skills that will enable them to successfully complete their education.
- o What obstacles has this person overcome to reach this point in her journey? Please identify any current obstacles that may cause this person to withdraw from any class this semester.
- o Verification of Income Eligibility. (Agency advisors and case-workers can annotate this.)
- o Additional comments that will help the selection committee.
- o Signed and dated with nominator's contact information

Application Process: To access the full program description and application, visit the United Way of Larimer County website at www.womengivelarimercounty.org

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