



Hello!

The Crescent City Connections Express Network of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) is offering two scholarship opportunities funded through the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund.

**STEPHEN BUFTON MEMORIAL *IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP*:**

Each year, local chapters of ABWA provide Stephen Bufton Memorial Scholarships (SBMEF) to female students who will be attending accredited U.S. colleges, universities, and community/vocational schools. Applicants must be citizens of the United States; residents of Louisiana; an entering college freshman or above as of August 2017, and attending a Louisiana based school or accredited online program with a GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale). Applicants must also include an essay answering the following question: ***What is your most challenging obstacle and how have you overcome it?***

Applicants will also be required to submit the following documentation:

- Copy of current Louisiana Driver's License
- Copy of Current Transcript showing entering Freshman level or above
- Copy of Current Transcript showing 3.0 GPA (on 4.0 scale) or above
- Three (3) Professional Letters of Reference
- Essay

Eligible women interested in applying for the scholarship should contact:

Shay Edmondson 830-822-6457 [s.edmondson@fuelsuccessacademy.com](mailto:s.edmondson@fuelsuccessacademy.com) OR  
Jodi Archer 504-301-6100 [jodiarcher@kw.com](mailto:jodiarcher@kw.com)

Applications must be completed and received by ABWA Crescent City Connections on or before March 17, 2016. A minimum of three (3) eligible completed applications are required in order for the scholarship to be awarded. The scholarship recipient(s) will be notified in May, 2017. Scholarship checks must be cashed within (6) months of the date of issuance. Checks deposited after the 6 month time frame will not be reissued and scholarship funds will be forfeited. No applicant is guaranteed a scholarship.

**STEPHEN BUFTON MEMORIAL *OUTRIGHT GRANT (ORG)*:**

Each year, the National chapter of ABWA provides Stephen Bufton Memorial Scholarships (SBMEF) to female students who will be attending accredited U.S. colleges, universities, and community/vocational schools. Applicants must be citizens of the United States, attending an accredited, licensed, state approved U.S institution, offering a minimum of a baccalaureate degree. Applicants must have successfully completed a minimum of 60 credit hours, with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on 4. Scale) or above. Applicants will also be required to submit the following documentation:

- Copy of current Louisiana Driver's License
- Copy of Current Transcript showing successful completion of 60 credit hours
- Copy of Current Transcript showing 3.0 GPA (on 4.0 scale) or above
- Biographical Sketch
- Three (3) Professional Letters of Reference

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Applications must be completed and received by ABWA Crescent City Connections on or before May 12, 2017. The Crescent City Connections Board will review all applications and submit ONE applicant to National SBMEF Board of Trustees for review. All Outright Grant applications for each District (II) will be pooled

together and reviewed by SBMEF Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will select three (3) ORG recipients per district. The scholarship recipient(s) will be notified in May, 2017. Scholarship checks must be cashed within (6) months of the date of issuance. Checks deposited after the 6-month time frame will not be reissued and scholarship funds will be forfeited. No applicant is guaranteed a scholarship.

SBMEF, ABWA's national educational fund, is one of the most highly respected grant and scholarship funds in the country. For over 60 years, ABWA has helped women achieve their business and professional success through educational scholarships. Since its inception, more than 16,000 women nationwide have been awarded more than \$17 million dollars in scholarships.

Please pass the word along to any woman that you know would qualify. We are so excited to offer this scholarship to a woman who can use it to further her education.

Thank you so much for your continued support for the activities of ABWA Crescent City Connections and we hope to see you at the next luncheon!

