



## **Cass River Charter Chapter Frankenmuth, Michigan**

Cass River Charter Chapter is looking for eligible applicants to sponsor for consideration of a \$2,000 Outright Grant from the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund (SBMEF) of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA). The Outright Grant (ORG) Program offers junior level or higher college students attending a 4-year accredited college or university a scholarship that helps to offset costs associated with their college tuition, books, and fees. ORGs awarded are nonrenewable. Up to one ORG will be awarded per ABWA District.

### **Applicant Eligibility Requirements:**

- The applicant must be a female and a U.S. citizen.
- ABWA members and non-members may apply for an Outright Grant.
- The applicant must have completed a minimum of sixty (60) credit hours.
- The applicant must have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale.
- The applicant must be seeking a baccalaureate degree or higher.
- Applicant must be attending an accredited U.S. college or university that offers at least a baccalaureate degree.
- The applicant must provide an official transcript(s), a biographical sketch, and three (3) professional letters of reference dated within the same year as her application.
- Applicant must complete the SBMEF online application on or before 4/1/2023.
- An applicant may NOT apply for more than one ORG in the same award year.

### **Procedures/Checklist:**

Eligible applicants, please send an email with "ABWA Outright Grant" and your name in the subject line to the email address below. To be considered, include all of the following information in the body of your email:

**Your name, email address, phone number, mailing address, GPA, credit hours completed and name of school you will be attending in the fall of 2023. Identify any other ABWA scholarship or grant applications submitted to date.**

**Send email to: [abwacassriverchapter@gmail.com](mailto:abwacassriverchapter@gmail.com)**

**We will contact you with information on how to submit the remaining required documents to us.**

### **Additional Information:**

Each Outright Grant scholarship awarded is for one academic year only. Funds awarded may only be used for tuition, books, and fees. Scholarship checks will be made payable to the recipient's educational institution and the ORG recipient. Checks must be cashed within six (6) months of issuance. Checks not deposited after six months will not be reissued and the money will be returned to SBMEF's general fund. No applicant is guaranteed a grant. The Cass River Charter Chapter will sponsor one (1) applicant for consideration by the SBMEF Board of Trustees. The SBMEF Board of Trustees serve as the selection board for awarding all grants/scholarships. Cass River Charter Chapter will award the sponsored applicant with a 1-year student membership in ABWA.

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 18,000 women nationwide have been awarded more than \$18 million in scholarships.

SBMEF is a 501(c)3 charitable trust and public foundation. It has the same tax status as public schools, churches and community funds. The fund is listed in the U.S. Internal Revenue Service "Cumulative List of Organizations" described in Section 170(c) of the IRS code of 1954 – revised October 31, 1974.

The CRCC is a chartered chapter of ABWA and was established in 1981. Our vision is to be "A premier organization offering educational and professional development opportunities devoted to the career, social, and personal advancement of its members." Members typically meet the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Zehnder's of Frankenmuth.