

Donna Taurel Educational Scholarship

APPLICATION

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Zonta Club of Franklin

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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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Funded through the Zonta Club of Franklin Area, North Carolina

General Information

The Zonta Club of Franklin Area established this Educational Scholarship in honor of founding member, Donna Taurel, who passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2009. During her career, Donna was a registered nurse, business woman and entrepreneur. As a long time Zontian, Donna worked tirelessly to advance the status of women through service and advocacy. The Zonta Club of Franklin Area, in her memory, is committed to assisting women in Macon County realize their educational goals.

The Scholarship

The Donna Taurel Educational Scholarship is awarded to women undertaking a course of study who have demonstrated outstanding potential in that particular field. The Zonta Club of Franklin Area offers scholarships based on available funding, applicant need and proposal made. Women who are legal residents of Macon County, North Carolina, and undertaking a course of study at an accredited university/college/institute, enrolled in the course of study at the time the application is submitted, are eligible to apply. The scholarship may be used at any university, college or institute offering accredited courses and degrees. Previous Donna Taurel Educational Scholarship recipients may not apply to renew the Scholarship for a second year.

Who is Eligible?

Women pursuing a course of study who demonstrate outstanding potential in that particular field are eligible. On-line students are also eligible. *Members of the Zonta Club of Franklin Area are not eligible to apply for the Scholarship.*

What are the Requirements?

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- ❖ Be a legal resident of Macon County, North Carolina
- ❖ Be undertaking a course of study at an accredited university/college/institute.
- ❖ Be enrolled in the course of study at the time the application is submitted.
- ❖ Achieved an outstanding academic record during her academic studies, maintaining a B or higher GPA.
- ❖ Demonstrated initiative, ambition and commitment to pursuing a career in the course of study.

How Do I Apply?

Complete an official application in English (may be printed or downloaded from the Zonta Club of Franklin Area website (www.zontafranklinnc.org), and include:

1. The name, position and contact details (email and telephone) of a faculty member in the major field of study who may be contacted by the evaluation committee for a confidential reference.
2. The name, position and contact details (email and telephone) of an employer, volunteer supervisor, or academic advisor who may be contacted by the evaluation committee for a confidential reference. *(Members of the Zonta Club of Franklin Area are not eligible to write recommendation letters for applicants.)*
3. An essay in 500 words or less that clearly describes your academic and professional goals, the relevance of your program, and how the Donna Taurel Educational Scholarship will assist you in reaching your goals.
4. Verification of enrollment from the university/college/institute registrar.
5. Transcripts of grades or equivalent records for all universities, colleges, or institutes, with an explanation of the grading system for each transcript submitted.
6. All non-English documents must be translated in English.
7. **All application materials must be received at the Zonta Club of Franklin Area by the deadline printed on the application.**
8. Articles, pamphlets, books, curriculum vitae or other publications are not requested and will not be considered.
9. Applications that are incomplete or late due to postal delays, transmittal by third parties, or other circumstances will not be considered. Applications are accepted by mail or email. Email submissions are preferred. Applications submitted by email must be sent as a PDF.

What is the Application Process?

The Zonta Club of Franklin Area Scholarship Committee will consider applications and select one applicant to bring before the general membership at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting for approval. Once the general membership approves the recipient arrangements are made to award the Scholarship.

How may I use the Scholarship Funds?

1. The scholarship may be used for tuition, books, fees, supplies or required equipment for the program of study.
2. For domestic recipients studying in the United States, scholarship funds used for tuition, books, fees, supplies or required equipment for the program of study are not considered taxable income.
3. Recipients are not permitted to defer the Scholarship. The Zonta Club of Franklin Area will consider a new application the following year, but no preferential consideration will be given to the second application.
4. Recipients may accept additional grants and scholarships from other sources.

Timetable

Applications received by the Zonta Club of Franklin Area

May 1

Club recipient is selected

July 1



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**Application for
 Donna Taurel Educational Scholarship**

SEND APPLICATION AND DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO:

Application Deadline: May 1
 Zonta Club of: Franklin Area
 Attention: Scholarship Committee
 Address: P.O. Box 1492
 City/State/Zip: Franklin, NC 28744
 Telephone: (828) 349-9194
 Email Address:

Name: _____
 Last (Family) First Middle

Present Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Email Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Home Email Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Birth date: _____ Birthplace: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

University/College/Institute currently attending: _____ Current year of study: _____

Department: _____ Major/Field of Study: _____

Plans for study under the Donna Taurel Educational Scholarship: _____

Degree sought: _____ Expected graduation date (month/year): _____

Academic Background

Applicants are required to send transcripts of grades or equivalent records from all universities, colleges or institutes attended. An explanation of the grading system must be included for each transcript.

University/College/Institute	(Year) to (Year)	Major Field	Date of Degree/Anticipated

Scholarships, Fellowships, Honors Received During the Studies Listed Above

(Attach an additional sheet if necessary)

_____	Date: _____
_____	Date: _____
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Volunteer and Other Activities

(Please describe your volunteer, non-scholastic activities, memberships and cultural interests):

Employment

From (Month/Year)	To (Month/Year)	Employer	Address	Type of Work or Position Held

Referees

Please provide names and contact details of a faculty member in the major field of study and an employer, volunteer supervisor or academic advisor. These people may be contacted for a confidential reference which will be sent to the evaluation panel and will not be available to you.

Name	Position	College/University/Institute	Email Address	Telephone
1.				
2.				

Declaration by Applicant

I will take responsibility for school expenses (such as living, traveling, clothing) which are in excess of the grant should I be the recipient of the Donna Taurel Educational Scholarship. I grant permission to the Zonta Club of Franklin Area to use my name and photograph in the literature designed to promote the Donna Taurel Educational Scholarship. I waive any right to review references provided in confidence.

I certify that all of the information contained in my application form is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I consent to the electronic or hard copy publication by the Zonta Club of Franklin Area of material in my application.

Signature _____

Date _____

How did you learn of the Donna Taurel Educational Scholarship?

Please check the appropriate items:

- Newspaper
 Department/Teacher
 Directory of Grants at University of Financial Aid Office
 Directory of Grants not at University (e.g. public libraries)
 Web site (name): _____
 Zonta Club Member: _____
 Zonta Club of: _____
 Other: _____

Applicant checklist

Please check all items included with the application:

- Transcripts
 Details of referee from faculty
 Details of referee employer/advisor
 Verification of current enrollment form
 Signature

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION AND GOALS

(Please type in English.)

In 500 words or less, please describe your academic and professional goals, the relevance of your program, and how the Donna Taurel Educational Scholarship will assist you in reaching your goals.



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VERIFICATION OF CURRENT ENROLLMENT

Donna Taurel Educational Scholarship

I certify that _____ is currently enrolled in

(name of student)

_____ in _____

(year of degree program)

(name of course/degree being studied)

at _____

(name of College/University/Institute)

(address College/University/Institute)

(signature of College/University/Institute official)

(date)

(official stamp of the College/University/Institute)

This requirement may be deferred if the application deadline precedes the university/college/institute enrollment period. The applicant must provide written confirmation of the enrollment period with the application. Scholarship recipients must provide verification of enrollment before scholarship funds will be released.