

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS  
SPRINGFIELD, IL CHAPTER  
PAULETTE BIRD/ALISON NOVAK SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION AND CRITERIA

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

The Springfield, Illinois Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners-Paulette Bird/Alison Novak Scholarship is designated to be awarded annually to active member(s) in good standing for the purpose of professional growth.

**GRANTS:**

Annual grants range from \$100 to \$500 depending on the availability of funds and the number of applicants.

**CRITERIA:**

1. Applicants must have been an active Springfield, Illinois NAWBO member for a minimum of 24 consecutive months.
2. Applicants are eligible to be awarded the grant once in a five year period.
3. Applicants must be available for an interview with the designated Scholarship Committee if selected as one of the potential recipients.
4. Applicants will submit their written application to the Scholarship Committee Chairwoman by the due date of the application and include a detailed description of its intended use.
5. Recipient(s) must use the award toward their professional growth within the next year after receiving the funds.
6. Recipient(s) shall submit in writing to the Board of Directors of NAWBO, Springfield, IL a financial accounting within six months of the expenditure. The recipient shall be available to make a short presentation to the membership on the scholarship benefits.
7. The award will be presented to the recipient(s) at the April Springfield, IL NAWBO meeting.