



## Na Kilohana O Wahine Chapter

### Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund (SBMEF) Outright Grant Program

The Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund exists to provide educational grants and scholarships to women pursuing their undergraduate and graduate degrees as well as ongoing professional development in order to support their career advancement and to help them become role models, mentors and leaders for the future. The fund has supported businesswomen for more than 50 years. The National Board of Directors of the American Business Women's Association serve as the SBMEF trustees, overseeing the fund's administration.

### Maximum Grant Award for 2012 - \$2,000

*Funds are to be used only for tuition, books and fees*

#### Applicant Eligibility Requirements

- The applicant must be a female U.S. citizen.
- The applicant must be at least at the sophomore level in college (completed 45 credit hours or more) when applying for funds to be used the following year, when she is at least at the junior level or above (completed 60 credit hours or more). For example, as a sophomore in college, a student may apply for an outright grant to be awarded when she is a junior in college.
- Both ABWA members and nonmembers may apply.
- The applicant must have achieved a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.
- The applicant must be seeking a baccalaureate degree or higher.
- The applicant must be attending an institution authorized to confer degrees at the baccalaureate level or higher in the United States.
- An applicant must be sponsored by an ABWA group.

#### Procedures

- The applicant must provide a current official transcript, a biographical summary and three current professional letters of reference.
- Interested applicants must request a scholarship applicant log-in by emailing [abwascholarship@gmail.com](mailto:abwascholarship@gmail.com). All applications must be completed on-line. Detailed instructions will be provided to all applicants after issuance of log-in.
- Transcripts must be **received** and on-line application must be completed by February 3, 2012.