

## **RUTH B. SAYRE SCHOLARSHIP**

Sponsored by  
Country Women's Council USA  
The Associated Country Women of the World

Mrs. Ruth Buxton Sayre attained national and international recognition championing a better way of life for rural people. Her efforts on behalf of rural women and families spanned three decades and earned her high posts in state, national and international organizations. She served as ACWW President 1947-1953.

One of her many distinctions included being the only woman appointed to a USA Advisory Committee by President Eisenhower. In 1976 she was honored by being inducted into the Iowa Woman's Hall of Fame.

"If goods don't cross the borders, soldiers will," expresses her views on trade and peace. She constantly encouraged women to "let out the seams" of their thinking.

The aim of this memorial scholarship is to lift people, in her name, by helping them to help themselves through education

### RUTH B. SAYRE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES (Revised 8-21-96)

#### I. Eligibility

- a. Applicant shall be a woman and a resident of the USA.
- b. Shall be submitted through an ACWW/CWC affiliated society, but not necessarily a member themselves.
- c. Have a financial need.
- d. Show ability to complete education.
- e. Show potential Leadership.
- f. Carry a minimum of nine (9) hours.

#### II. General Condition of the Scholarship

- a. Country Women's Council shall be responsible for the administration of the scholarship.
- b. Individual ACWW/CWC affiliated society members shall seek out scholarship applicants.
- c. The ACWW/CWC affiliated society submitting the approved application shall keep in contact with the recipient and report progress.
- d. The scholarship shall be paid up to the amount of \$500 for a period of study not to exceed (12) months.
- e. Scholarship money shall be sent to the educational institution where student is attending. Money is to be used for tuition first. If any remains, it can be applied to books and other school related expenses.
- f. If satisfactory progress is made, the applicant may apply for the same award to continue studying the succeeding year.
- g. Scholarships shall not be advertised on radio or non-member publications.

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## III. Applications

- a. Scholarship applications shall be postmarked by March 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year.
- b. Application shall contain:
  1. Only current application forms
  2. Personal Data form (page 2)
  3. Educational Information form (page 3)
  4. Applicants one page summary.
  5. Transcript of grades.
  6. Financial statement form (page 4)
  7. Two recommendations (page 5)
  8. Recent photo (approximate wallet size)
  9. Completed application packet must be signed by an authorized officer of a sponsoring ACWW/CWC affiliated society. Applicant will not be considered if sponsoring society is not a state or national member listed with ACWW/CWC.

## IV. Administration

- a. Scholarship money shall be sent to recipient's chosen educational institution on August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b. The Scholarship Selection Committee Chairman shall be the Treasurer of the Country Women's Council, USA. The national president/chairman of each affiliated society, not represented by the Treasurer shall complete the selection committee.
- c. Number of scholarships awarded shall depend upon availability of funds.

Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship application forms should be requested from the CWC USA Treasurer:

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