

The Big Sky Chapter of the American Business Women's Association Offers 2 Impact Scholarships worth \$1,000 and \$2,000

Helena, MT. – The Big Sky Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) is offering two scholarships funded through the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund to two deserving area students. One scholarship worth \$1,000 will be awarded to one deserving area student attending a Montana Community College, technical or vocational school. The school must be licensed, accredited or state approved. The second scholarship worth \$2,000 will be awarded to a student attending a Montana college or university that offers a baccalaureate degree.

Each year, local chapters of ABWA provide Stephen Bufton Memorial Scholarships (SBMEF) to female students who will be attending accredited U.S. colleges, universities and community/vocational schools. Applicants must be citizens of the United States; a resident of Lewis & Clark, Broadwater, or Jefferson County in Montana, and who will be at least a college freshman in August 2020 with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. **Eligible women interested in applying for the scholarship should contact:**

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Applications must be completed by March 31, 2021 at www.sbmef.org. A minimum of three (3) eligible completed applications are required in order for the scholarship to be awarded. The scholarship recipient(s) will be notified in *July 2021*.

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 17,000 women nationwide have been awarded more than 17 million dollars in scholarships.

The Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund 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 Oct. 31, 1974.

About the Big Sky Chapter and the American Business Women's Association

The Big Sky Chapter is a chartered chapter of the American Business Women's Association established in 1964 whose mission is to bring together women of diverse backgrounds and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, scholarships, education, networking, support and national recognition. Members from the Big Sky Chapter meet the second Wednesday of every month for networking at 5:30 and meeting at 6:00pm. Please contact Shona McHugh at smchugh@mt.gov for meeting location and membership information.

More information about the leading association for working women and women business owners can be found at www.abwa.org or on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/ABW-A-A-place-to-connect-learn-and-grow/110652155635738>