GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs
SCHOLARSHIPS

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The following scholarships are administered by a single rotating Board of Trustees. Each district selects one Trustee to serve a four-year term. The Chairman is appointed by the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Board of Directors to serve for the two years of the administration.

The **Ethel G. Swanbeck Scholarship** will be awarded to a graduating high school senior pursuing a course of study in an Allied Health Field and enrolled at an accredited Ohio college or university. The student may use the scholarship for a degree as a nurse, pharmacist, X-ray technician, physical therapist, laboratory technician, pre medical studies, pre-veterinary studies, etc. Applicants for this scholarship must have a grade point average of **3.0 or better.**

The **Elaine Weinman Memorial Scholarship** will be awarded to a graduating high school senior pursuing a course of study in the field of Communication Arts at an accredited Ohio college, university or technical school. "Communication Arts" is defined as including speech, journalism, drama, radio and television. Applicants for this scholarship must have a grade point average of **3.0 or better.**

The **Annette Phelps Lincoln Scholarship** will be awarded to a graduating high school senior with a grade point average of 3.0 or better. It is limited to the teaching and/or library professions at an accredited Ohio college or university.

The **GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Art Scholarship** will be awarded to a graduating high school senior enrolled at an accredited Ohio art school, college or university. Applicants for this scholarship must have a grade point average of 2.6 **or better. SEPARATE APPLICATION - SEE ATTACHED.**

The **GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs "Clubwoman Scholarship"** is available **ONLY** to a member of a per capita club federated in the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs. It is for those clubwomen who need additional education or training in order to join the work force or to help to provide for themselves and/or their families **OR** for Juniorettes who are graduating high school seniors and have a grade point average of 3.0 **or better.** Awardees must attend an accredited Ohio college or technical school.

HISTORY OF THE GFWC/OHIO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS



Annette Phelps Lincoln

Annette Phelps Lincoln Scholarship (APL) - Annette Phelps Lincoln was the first president of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs. She was instrumental in the Her great, great grandfather was a founder and first president of Dartmouth College. She was orphaned early in life and was raised in London, Ohio, by friends of her parents. She graduated with honor from Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware where she then became instructor of mathematics. She married the Honorable George Lincoln, jurist, of London in 1871. She was a woman of intellectual attainments, retentive memory, judicial mind and magnanimous nature.

She was a strong force in the social and club life of her city and state, having been president of her club, member of the Library Board, Founder of the Women's Council of London and in 1894 became president of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs. To that position she brought executive ability, and as a president officer was charming in manner and fair and just in her rulings. She was sunny and bright in disposition and obliging at all times.

She was a descendant of revolutionary heroes and just after she had been made state regent of the Ohio Daughters of the American Revolution she was called to a higher life. "Her given name was Theodora Annetta Phelps. Nickname "Annette". She was the second wife of George Lincoln, who was a personal friend and on visiting terms with Abraham Lincoln. She had no children of her own, but one step-son. She is buried in Kirkwood Cemetery, London Ohio with a monument erected by the DAR from $1 donations. She died Nov. 1, 1911.

The money for OFWC's APL scholarship came from the excess money donated by the clubs for hostess duties of the 1910 GFWC Convention in Cincinnati. The APL scholarship is OFWC's first scholarship and was originally a scholarship loan fund.

Art Scholarship – Originally Penny Art Fund - In 1930, GFWC began a Penny Arts fund to collect one cent per member to purchase works of art by state artists, mount traveling exhibits, recognize clubs with awards and provide art scholarships. GFWC discontinued their fund in the 1970's.

OFWC also began the fund. In 1939 it was mentioned that the art fund was 100% supported by the clubs. It was shortly decided that there needed to be something more than just collecting art for traveling exhibits, especially with the depression and the war. The name was changed a few years ago when it was realized that a lot of clubs were still just donating that penny per member and the fund was in dire straits.



Ethel G. Swanbeck

Ethel G. Swanbeck Nursing Scholarship - Ethel G. Swanbeck was OFWC President 1950-1952. The theme during her administration was "Perpetuating our Individual Liberties". Her objectives were to balance the budget, bring about a Junior Senior "Together We Serve" relationship and have Juniors serve in departments and committees. She also wanted a broad international program of world cooperation and US Civil Defense, adopt universal membership in OFWC and increase membership by 1200. She wanted to bring GFWC and its program of work to the local clubs and let members know they are a link in the great organization. And finally, she desired a renewed dedication to Christian concepts.

She was active at the GFWC level for two terms after serving as president. She was one of four GFWC representatives to "Fly to Rio" to make a first-hand survey of the "coffee situation" or "shortage" following an invitation from the Brazilian Coffee Institute.

Beginning in 1954, she was an Ohio Representative for the 72nd Legislative District and served eleven terms. She served on the Finance and Rules committees. She was a former school teacher and gave high priority to education. As a Representative, she was involved in the establishment of the Firelands College of Bowling Green State University and helped create the Lorain County Community College and various joint vocational schools. She received an honorary doctorate from Bowling Green State University in 1972. She died December 21, 1989. 1952 – The scholarship was funded with $100 in seed money from the Outgoing Executive Board, plus donations from clubs. All monies were to be given as gifts, not loans, to student nurses, both Practical and Registered.



Ethel G. Harder

Clubwoman Scholarship -In 1980 a "Homemaker in the Marketplace" scholarship was formed by combining the Ethel G. Harder Pan American Scholarship (President from Marion 1928-1930. GFWC also had a Pan Am Scholarship at one time) and the Elaine Peters Memorial Scholarship Loan Fund (President who died in office 1974.)



Elaine Peters

Elaine Peters was for clubwomen returning to work force. Pan Am was for Central and South Americans to come to OSU for education and return home to bring American goodwill and better living conditions to their community. After the Moratorium it was decided to change the name because that needed it may already have been working, just needed more education. In 2016 the Juniorettes were added to the application since they were also members that needed more education.



Elaine Weinman

Elaine Weinman Memorial Scholarship -Elaine was president of OFWC 1958-1960 from Steubenville. Fund was started in 1970 for those entering communications arts, theater, journalism, TV and Radio. Her husband was the judge who ruled in the Sam Sheppard retrial and released him from prison for improper police and trial procedures. She died in May, 1969. She had a pleasant smile and great administrative ability according to the third history book.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
Amounts determined each year

ANNETTE PHELPS LINCOLN SCHOLARSHIP: Named in honor of the first president of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs, this scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors to use in securing education in the **Teaching or Library** professions at an Ohio college or university of the student's choice.

ART SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship is available to a graduating high school senior who will attend an accredited college, university or art school in Ohio. An **ORIGINAL** piece of art must be submitted when the application is submitted. All artwork will be returned to the student.

ELAINE WEINMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship is available to a graduating high school senior for use in securing an education beyond high school in the field of **Communications**, limited to radio, television, drama, speech or journalism, from an accredited Ohio college, university or technical school.

ETHEL G. SWANBECK ALLIED HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship is available to a graduating high school senior pursuing a course in the study of an **Allied Health Field** at an Ohio college or university of the student's choice. The applicant may use the scholarship for a degree as a doctor, nurse, pharmacist, veterinarian, X-ray technician, laboratory technician, etc.

JUNIORETTE SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship is available to a graduating high school senior who is at least a 3-year member of a Juniorette club federated in the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs.

CLUBWOMAN SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship is for those clubwomen who need additional education or training to join or advance in the work force or to provide for themselves and/or their families. A minimum of 3 years membership in a General or Junior club federated in the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs is required. There is a separate application for general and junior clubwomen.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

FROM THE APPLICANT:

An official transcript signed by the school guidance counselor which must include class rank and grade point average. If the school does not include class rank and/or grade point average, the guidance counselor should include a letter stating this. *The student must have a grade point average of 3.0 or better. (Art Scholarship applicants must have a g.p.a. of 2.6 or better.)*
Letter of recommendation from counselor, high school principal, administrator or teacher must be signed. (Art Scholarship applicants **must** have a signed letter of recommendation from an art teacher.) Copy of letter of acceptance from an **Ohio** college or university on official school letterhead.

Essay – The applicant's name should be typed or written on each page of the essay. The essay should include: why are you choosing this line of study and what have you been doing to learn more about it.

(example- job shadow, mentor, classes, school projects)? Include what Community Service Project(s) you have been involved with that have most influenced either your community or your decision to pursue the line of study that you have chosen.

Copy of completed GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Club Supplemental Questionnaire.
Completed and signed application form.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING FACTORS FOR ART SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICANT'S ARTWORK:

- Media: oils, watercolor, pastel, acrylic, pen and ink, pencil or charcoal.
- Size not to exceed 20" x 24" unmatted.
- Frames: Oil, if framed, must have simple frames, such as molding; other media should be matted.
- **NO GLASS.**
- **NO REPRODUCTIONS.** No portraits, cartoons or posters. Graphics, if entered, must be the original drawing or painting. Any entry that appears to be copied will be disqualified.

SCHOLARSHIPS CAREFULLY FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS

Student should assemble the six (6) pieces of required materials as stated above, and submit to counselor or sponsoring club. Any omission(s) automatically disqualify the applicant.

WATCH YOUR DEADLINES!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Following the GFWC/Ohio Annual Convention the Chairman of the Scholarship Board of Trustees will notify those students receiving scholarships as well as the sponsoring clubs. **Applicant must notify the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Scholarship Board of Trustees Chairman by June 30 of their decision to accept/reject the scholarship.**

Scholarship receipts must submit proof of passing grades for the quarter or semester by December 31 of the current year to the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Club Scholarship Chairmen. Checks will be mailed by the Treasurer of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs no later than January 31st of the following year.

THIS INFORMATION MAY BE DUPLICATED RETAIN ORIGINAL IN THIS DIRECTORY

GFWC/OHIO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

CHECK THE SCHOLARSHIP BEING APPLIED FOR:

_____**ANNETTE PHELPS LINCOLN SCHOLARSHIP**
GPA 3.0 or better required

_____**ART SCHOLARSHIP**
GPA 2.6 or better required

_____**ETHEL G. SWANBECK ALLIED HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP**
GPA 3.0 or better required

_____**ELAINE WEINMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
GPA 3.0 or better required

_____**CLUBWOMAN SCHOLARSHIP (JUNIORETTE APPLICANTS ONLY)**
GPA 3.0 or better required of Juniorette Applicants

TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT:

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL _____

CLASS RANK _____ TOTAL IN CLASS _____ GPA _____

WHICH COLLEGE IN **OHIO** DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND? _____

HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED BY THIS SCHOOL? _____

WHAT IS YOUR INTENDED CAREER? _____

APPROXIMATE COST OF YOUR EDUCATION PER YEAR? _____

NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN IN FAMILY? _____ AGES? _____

OTHER SIBLINGS OR PARENT IN COLLEGE? _____

If awarded a scholarship, I agree to notify the Chairman of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Scholarship Board of Trustees of my intention to accept or decline this scholarship by June 30. I also understand in order to receive my scholarship, proof of passing grades must be submitted by December 31.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____

SPONSORING CLUB _____

OMISSION OF ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WILL DISQUALIFY APPLICANT THIS FORM MAY BE DUPLICATED. RETAIN ORIGINAL IN THIS DIRECTORY