



## Educational Scholarship Announcement

*Scholarship Opportunities for Success (SOS)* will award a scholarship of up to **\$2500** to select individuals. This scholarship will be available May 1, 2012 to individuals who require educational assistance in order to achieve goals of better employment and increased financial self-sufficiency. *SOS* is a non-profit organization, founded in 2000, to raise educational funds awarded to lift single mothers and other women out of poverty.

### The Scholarship

1. Each award will be no more than **\$2500**.
2. Payments on the award are made on behalf of the scholarship winner directly to an organization providing a service or product, such as a college or university, a bookstore, or a childcare agency.
3. Funds may be used for payment of educational tuition or select education-related expenses such as transportation, books, equipment (such as a computer), supplies or childcare while the adult is attending classes.
4. Proof of enrolment must be shown before any payment is made.
5. The scholarship award **must be used by May 1, 2013**.

### Individuals Eligible to Apply

1. Adult female residents of **Central Ohio**
2. Citizens of the United States
3. Women whose financial resources are at, near, or below poverty level.

### Application Process

1. Complete the *SOS* application form. **All** information must be provided as requested.
2. Submit reference letters from two organizational representatives who know you and support this application. For example, a professor, counselor, spiritual advisor, supervisor, or a mentor. If applicable, a career counselor or job trainer but **NOT** a family member or personal best friend. If you recently have participated in programs at a non-profit organization, one letter must be from this organization.
3. Provide a detailed description of your career goals.
4. Attach a story that tells about current challenges or obstacles that you must overcome to obtain your educational goals for which this financial aid is requested.
5. Provide 2 examples of problems or difficulties that you have faced in the past with a brief description of how those were solved.
6. If employed, include copies of the last 2 months pay stubs.

**Return completed application, reference letters, career goals, story, examples and copies of paycheck stubs as requested. Postmarked on or before March 21, 2012 to:**

*Scholarship Opportunities for Success*

**P.O. Box 340622 Columbus, Ohio 43234**

***Scholarship recipients will be notified by telephone by May 1, 2012***