

International Women's Day History and Phoenix Accomplishments

Since 1920, International Women's Day (IWD) has been celebrated on March 8 to commemorate the continuing struggle of women to improve their lives. The Phoenix Women's Commission (PWC) partners with the International Women's Day Steering Committee, local businesses and community leaders, the city of Phoenix and area colleges to support the women of our community through academic scholarships.

The commission's annual IWD luncheon celebrates this successful public/private partnership focused on eliminating all forms of discrimination against women and raising funds for educational scholarships for re-entry women. Since 1991, the program has awarded approximately \$700,000 in scholarships to more than 600 women. Phoenix women are realizing their dreams of a better life through academic scholarships made possible by the PWC and IWD Steering Committee.

Phoenix Women's Commission History and Vision for the Future

The Phoenix Women's Commission provides advocacy, consultation and support on economic, political and social issues facing women of all ages, races and cultural backgrounds. The commission is comprised of 18 members who are appointed for their commitment to enhance the quality of life for women in our community.

The commission's priorities are:

- Partnering with other agencies/groups to bring about advocacy and education against domestic violence
- Continued development of minority- and woman-owned businesses
- Financial literacy for women of all ages
- Education of women and girls

For information on how you can contribute to the International Women's Day Scholarship Program, contact the city of Phoenix Equal Opportunity Department at 602-261-8242/voice or 602-534-1557/TTY.

Materials are available in alternate format upon request.

phoenix.gov/phxwomen



CITY OF
PHOENIX
INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY
SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM
FOR
RE-ENTRY
WOMEN

*Thinking about continuing
your education?*

Maybe we can help.



2007 - 2008
Participating Colleges and Universities

Arizona State University
480-965-4278

Arizona State University West
602-543-5303

DeVry University
602-870-9222

Gateway Community College
602-286-8113

Grand Canyon University
602-639-6533

Paradise Valley Community College
602-787-7106

Phoenix College
602-285-7422

Rio Salado College
480-517-8314

South Mountain Community College
602-243-8130

Western International University
602-943-2311 x1121

Chandler-Gilbert Community College*
480-732-7310

**Phoenix or Chandler residents are eligible.
Science fields only.*

“Receiving this scholarship has let me know it’s never too late to follow your goals. Your dreams can come true no matter what you’ve been through.”

- recipient

International Women’s Day
Scholarship Program

If you’ve been thinking about starting college after being out of high school for several years, or if you’d like to continue your education but are concerned about juggling family responsibilities and finances, we invite you to apply for the International Women’s Day Scholarship for Re-entry Women.

Since 1991, this program has helped about 600 Phoenix women return to school and meet their educational goals. These scholarships have improved the quality of life for women and their families and served as a springboard for future women leaders to contribute to our community.

To be eligible for the scholarships, you must:

- be female
- live in Phoenix*
- have been out of high school or college for three or more years before continuing your education
- have a minimum GPA of 2.5
- demonstrate a need for financial assistance
- be an undergraduate student

For more scholarship criteria or to apply, contact the participating schools.

“Being able to pursue my education has opened up my entire life and has made me a force in my community. You must follow your passion no matter what obstacles you face.”

- recipient