

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 local businesses and community leaders, the city of Phoenix and area colleges to support the women and men of our community through academic scholarships.

The commission's annual IWD celebration focuses on eliminating all forms of discrimination against women and raising funds for educational scholarships for re-entry students. Since 1991, the program has awarded more than \$935,000 in scholarships to more than 900 women. Phoenix women are realizing their dreams of a better life through academic scholarships made possible by the Phoenix Women's Commission.

Phoenix Women's Commission Priorities

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 enhancing the quality of life for women in our community.

The commission's priorities are:

- Education of women and girls
- Financial literacy for women of all ages
- Public awareness of women's health issues
- Partnering with other agencies/groups to bring about advocacy and education against domestic violence

For information on how you can contribute to the International Women's Day Scholarship Program, contact the city of Phoenix Equal Opportunity Department at 602-495-0358/voice or 602-534-1557/TTY.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DEPARTMENT

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

*Thinking about continuing
your education?*

Maybe we can help.



Participating Colleges and Universities

Arizona State University
480-965-9509

Arizona State University West
602-543-8178

DeVry University
602-749-4539

Gateway Community College
602-286-8114

Paradise Valley Community College
602-787-7100

Phoenix College
602-285-7667

Rio Salado College
480-517-8311

South Mountain Community College
602-243-8130

Western International University
602-308-2089

For more criteria or to apply,
contact the above 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

“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 Students.

Since 1991, this program has helped more than 900 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:

- 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

Mary Ann Huerta Jenkins Fellowship

The annual Mary Ann Huerta Jenkins Fellowship provides \$2,500 for a deserving master’s of public administration candidate at the Arizona State University School of Public Affairs.

The fellowship was developed in association with Arizona State University in memory of Mary Ann Huerta Jenkins, a longtime city of Phoenix employee and assistant to the Phoenix City Manager, who passed away in August 2002.

Both males and females can apply to the scholarship and fellowship programs.