

Alice Barton

Scholarship Program

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The Alice Barton Scholarship Program works to empower survivors of domestic violence through education and job training. Economic abuse is a common and effective tactic batterers use to control their victims. Financial barriers persist even after a victim successfully leaves her abuser. By enabling victims to gain new knowledge and skills, the Alice Barton Scholarship Program helps victims increase their self-confidence, find better employment, and achieve economic independence.

The Alice Barton Scholarship Program was founded by Roxanne Conlin, her brother Raymond Barton, and her sister Rhoda Olsen, in honor of their mother Alice Barton, a survivor of domestic violence. Roxanne Conlin is a well-known Iowa trial attorney and longtime supporter of ICADV. Raymond Barton is the founder and Chairman of the Board of Great Clips, Inc. Rhoda Olsen is Great Clips CEO. Raymond Barton and Rhoda Olsen now live in the Minneapolis area but were raised in Des Moines.

After witnessing their mother's suffering, Roxanne, Raymond, and Rhoda found empowerment and hope through education. Roxanne Conlin says:

Education was the way out of poverty for all of us. Our family hopes that, through these scholarships, in the name of our beloved mother, we can reach out to others and give them the chance to build a secure and safe future for themselves and for their families.

Alice Barton Scholarship Program achieves this mission through annual scholarships to individual survivors of domestic violence. In 2011 we will award twenty-five scholarships of \$1,000 to survivors across Iowa. The money may be used to pay tuition, books, and fees for classes, and a portion may be used to pay other expenses which support the survivor's education and job training efforts, such as child care or transportation.

Priority will be given to survivor applicants:

- a. seeking their first college degree or technical job training,
- b. who have been referred by a local domestic violence program, and
- c. who have completed the Allstate Foundation Financial Literacy curriculum offered at their local domestic violence program.

Applications must be delivered to the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence by Friday, December 16, 2011.

Mail to:
Elizabeth Albright Battles
Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence
515 28th Street, Suite 104
Des Moines, IA 50312

or Email to:
liza@icadv.org

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Please attach additional pages as needed:

Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Current Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address _____

What is the highest level of education you have completed:

- Through grade level _____
- GED/High School Diploma
- Two (2) Year Degree
- Four (4) Year Degree
- Graduate Degree
- Professional/Vocational Certification:
 - Computer Technician
 - Electrician
 - Carpenter
 - Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA)
 - Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
 - Health Professional Technician
 - Other: _____
- Other:

1) Have you received services in the past from a local domestic violence program in Iowa? Which program, and approximately when?

2) Have you ever taken a financial literacy course? When and from what organization/company?

3) What is your annual gross income? How many people are in your family (spouse, children, etc)? If your annual gross income exceeds \$36,000, or 250% of poverty, please describe why you believe you need this scholarship.

4) What do you hope to gain from an education? (300 words)

5) Where do you see yourself in ten years? What motivates you to reach these goals? What in your experience prepared you to overcome the obstacles you will encounter? (300 words)

6) How has domestic violence impacted your ability to seek education in the past?
How has domestic violence impacted your desire for an education now? (300 words)

7) What other sources will you seek to help you fund your education (i.e., personal income, federal/private loans, scholarships)? (300 words)

8) Is there anything else you think we should know about you, your experience of domestic violence, and/or your desire to get an education? (300 words)

9) How would you budget \$1,000 to support your education? You must enroll in college education or technical job training. The scholarship may be used to cover necessary related costs such as books or tools. No more than 20% of the scholarship may be used to fund indirect costs (child care, transportation, or meal plans, etc.).

I swear that the information provided is true and complete. I understand that if awarded a scholarship under false pretenses, I will be asked to repay the scholarship amount. I understand that I must provide receipts and documentation for those expenses for which Alice Barton Scholarship Program will pay. I understand and agree that information provided herein and my first name only may be released to the program funders and in potential news media coverage.

Signed _____

Date _____

To verify your income, please provide either (1) last year's tax return, with social security numbers blacked out; (2) three recent pay stubs; or (3) a letter from your employer verifying your income. If you cannot provide one of those three, or if additional explanation is required, please include a letter of explanation.