

January 2011

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The Palm Springs Area Chapter of the National Organization for Women is delighted to announce that applications are being accepted for the 19th Annual Barbara Wade Salm Scholarship.

The late Dr. Salm was a lifelong feminist, founding member of PSNOW, and an outspoken Coachella Valley community leader. She viewed education as the primary method for enhancing personal growth and developing self worth in people. Although Barbara died in 1991, those who follow in her footsteps carry on her courage and commitment to women's rights. The Palm Springs Area Chapter of NOW is honored to pay tribute to her memory and legacy through this scholarship.

The National Organization for Women was founded in 1966 and is the largest multi-issue, feminist, progressive women's rights advocacy organization in the country. The Palm Springs Area Chapter of NOW began in 1980. NOW is dedicated to making legal, political, social and economic changes in our society in order to achieve our goal. Our goal is to eliminate discrimination, and harassment in the workplace, schools, the justice system, and all other sectors of society; secure abortion, birth control, and reproductive rights for all women; end all forms of violence against women eradicate racism, sexism, and homophobia; and promote equality and justice for all people.

Two scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded to qualified recipients in the Coachella Valley and surrounding areas who have met or are about to meet requirements for graduating from secondary school, including G.E.D. equivalency. Applicants must be pursuing an academic degree from an accredited institution of higher learning. This scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance to further the educational development of persons aspiring to become more effective feminists. They must also demonstrate a commitment to furthering the cause of women's rights. Applicants must express a strong and unequivocal pro choice philosophy and support a women's right to a safe, legal abortion. In addition, they must also support the right of gay and lesbian people to legally marry the person of their choice. Scholarships will be awarded in March 2011 in conjunction with NOW's Women's History Month Celebration.

Completed applications should be sent to: Salm Scholarship-NOW c/o C. Evans, 67576 South Laguna, Cathedral City, CA 92234. **Applications must be postmarked by Monday, February 7, 2011.** If you did not receive the application package from your scholarship coordinator, you may access the application from our web site www.psnow.org

Please print, complete, and mail the paper application via U.S. Postal Service.

If you have questions or need further information please call Lori at (760) 324-0473.

Applications must be postmarked by Monday, February 7, 2011.

Thank you for your interest in our scholarship.

Sincerely, Lori Adler, Chair, Salm Scholarship Committee



EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET
The Barbara Wade Salm Scholarship
Packet Checklist

Applicant Name: _____

Date: _____

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67576 South Laguna, Cathedral City, CA 92234. All materials must be submitted in
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1. _____ Scholarship Criteria

2. _____ Personal Data Form (2 pages).

3. _____ Personal Goals and Objectives

4. _____ A Commitment to Women's Rights Form

5. _____ Transcripts

If you are still in High School and planning to enter college next fall,
include the most recent transcript of your High School records
(photocopy acceptable).

If you are already in College or are reentering include a transcript of
your college record, including transfer credits (photocopy acceptable).
If such records are not available, list your record of employment,
volunteer or other experience.

6. _____ Two or more Letters of Recommendation

At least one must be from a current or former teacher or professional
in your field of interest; another from someone well acquainted with
you personally who can appraise your personal goals and activities
which might qualify you for this Scholarship.

7. _____ A signed and dated Scholarship Release/Certification Form



BARBARA WADE SALM SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA GUIDELINES

ASSESSMENT AND SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Applicants shall be rated on the information provided in the following areas:

1. **COMMITMENT TO WOMENS' RIGHTS:** Demonstrated commitment in her/his personal philosophy and actions to furthering the cause of women's rights, feminist values, reproductive choice including the right to a safe, legal abortion. Candidates must demonstrate by life experience, knowledge, history and background of the women's rights movement, a continuing commitment to feminism. The applicant must express a strong commitment to progressive issues, including, but not limited to, abortion rights and the rights of lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgendered (LGBT) people to marry the person of their choice.
2. **FINANCIAL NEED:** Candidate's individual or family financial need including a statement on family income and financial situation.
3. **WORK AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITY:** Evidence of work and community activities outside of the school environment, with emphasis on activism is strongly encouraged.
4. **LEADERSHIP/MEMBERSHIP:** Participation in school and/or community activities.
5. **ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE:** Based on an unweighted GPA as presented in school transcripts.
6. **ACADEMIC POTENTIAL:** Potential for future growth and accomplishment.
7. **PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.**
8. **RECOMMENDATIONS:** May be from school, personal, work supervisors, or other individuals who are well acquainted with the student and can attest to the individual's good character, integrity, and commitment to women's rights
9. **FAMILY AND LIFE HISTORY.**



EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET
The Barbara Wade Salm Scholarship Program
Personal Data Form

Please print

Name: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City/Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____ Date of Birth: _____
 (month) (day) (year)

E-mail address: _____

Secondary and collegiate level educational institutions attended:

Name of School	Location	From - To	Diploma/Major/Degree
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

School you intend to enroll in next: () Fall () Winter () Spring

Name of School: _____
 Location of School: _____

If you have chosen your most likely area of study please describe it. Please include your professional and/or educational goals and objectives, the school you have chosen and the reason for your decision. If you haven't yet made these decisions please describe how you will proceed in doing so.



EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET
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Letter of Recommendation

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

The above named person is applying to the Palm Springs Area Chapter of NOW for a scholarship to further her/his education. Please provide the following information as objectively and accurately as possible. The Scholarship Committee will keep this information confidential.

Please return to: Salm Scholarship-NOW c/o C. Evans, 67576 South Laguna, Cathedral City, CA 92234. If you have any questions, you may phone Lori Adler at (760) 324-0473. Thank you for helping the applicant and Palm Springs Area NOW.

This letter must be postmarked by Monday, February 7, 2011.

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

What is your opinion of this applicant's potential for intellectual and personal growth, motivation to succeed, and desire to work to achieve greater equality in women's rights in our society? (Use an additional page if necessary.)

Please print

Your name: _____

Title: _____ Institution/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Signature: _____



EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET
The Barbara Wade Salm Scholarship Program
Scholarship Information Release/Certification

I certify that all of the information provided in relation to my application to the Palm Springs Area Chapter of the National Organization for Women for assistance under its Barbara Wade Salm Scholarship Program is, to the best of my knowledge, true, complete, and accurate. This information may be reviewed by the Chapter's Scholarship Committee for the purpose of identifying and assessing me as a potential scholarship recipient.

I give my permission to PS NOW to use my image and likeness for promotional purposes.

Please print:

Name _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____