



**American Business Women's Association  
Greater Oakland Charter Chapter  
Clarkston, Michigan**

**The Greater Oakland Charter Chapter, ABWA is looking for eligible applicants to sponsor for consideration of a \$2,000 Outright Grant from the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund of the American Business Women's Association. The Outright Grant (ORG) Program offers junior level or higher college students attending a 4-year accredited college or university a scholarship that helps to offset costs associated with their college tuition, books, and fees. ORGs awarded are nonrenewable. Up to two (2) ORGs will be awarded per district.**

**Applicant Eligibility Requirements:**

- Must be a female and a U.S. citizen and seeking a Baccalaureate degree or higher.
- ABWA members and non-members may apply for an Outright Grant.
- Must have completed a minimum of sixty (60) credit hours.
- Has achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale.
- Must be attending an accredited U.S. college or university that offers at least a baccalaureate degree.
- Must complete an online application (link will be provided) and submit an official transcript, a biographical sketch and three (3) professional letters of reference dated within the same year as her application.
- Outright Grant recipient will be notified in July 2026.
- The Greater Oakland Charter Chapter will sponsor our 2026 Outright Grant applicant for a one-year student membership (\$50 value) in the American Business Women's Association and the Greater Oakland Charter Chapter, which meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. See [www.abwa-greateroakland.org/events](http://www.abwa-greateroakland.org/events) for meeting details.

**Next Steps:**

**Eligible applicants must send an email with "ABWA Outright Grant" and your name in the subject line. Include the following in your email:** Your name, email address, phone number, mailing address, GPA, credit hours completed and name of school you will be attending in the fall of 2026. Identify any other ABWA scholarship or grant applications submitted to date.

**Send email to: [abwa.greateroakland@gmail.com](mailto:abwa.greateroakland@gmail.com)**

**We will contact you with information on how to submit the remaining required documents. The application and all supporting documents must be completed and submitted online by 4/30/2026.**

**Additional Information:**

Each outright grant awarded is for one academic year only. Funds awarded may be used for tuition, books, and fees. Checks are made payable to the educational institution and the applicant jointly and must be cashed within 6 months of issuance. Checks not deposited after 6 months will not be reissued and the money will be returned to SBMEF's general fund. No applicant is guaranteed a scholarship. Our chapter will sponsor (1) applicant for consideration by the SBMEF Board of trustees. The SBMEF Board of Trustees serves as the selection board for awarding all grants/scholarships.

