# Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Eligibility Requirements for Women of Excellence Awards and Scholarships

# Educational Advancement Opportunity (EAO) Scholarship Criteria of Eligibility for All Applicants:

- 1. Must be a young woman.
- 2. Must be a resident of Louisiana.
- 3. Must attend school in Fall 2016.
- 4. Cannot be a previous recipient of the Women of Excellence Award, Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship or the EAO Scholarship.
- Cannot apply for the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Women of Excellence Award.

# Additional Eligibility Requirements for:

# ✓ High School Applicants:

- Must be a graduating high school senior from a Louisiana High School or a home school program approved by the Louisiana Department of Education.
- Must graduate or complete an approved home school program by May 2016.

#### ✓ College Applicants:

- Must be currently enrolled in a licensed proprietary school, theological or seminary school, two-year technical or community college, four-year college/university or a graduate/professional school.
- Must have attended school in Fall 2015, be enrolled in school for Spring 2016 and attend school in Fall 2016.

# **College Woman of Excellence Award Criteria of Eligibility:**

- 1. Must be a young woman between the ages of 18 and 25 and a resident of Louisiana.
- 2. Must be currently enrolled in a two-year technical or community college, four-year college/university or a graduate/professional school.
- 3. Must have attended school in Fall 2015 and will attend school in Spring 2016 and in Fall 2016.
- 4. Must have a grade point average of at least a 3.0 or better.
- 5. Must show attributes of excellence in academics, leadership, community service/volunteerism, integrity and character.
- 6. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

# High School Woman of Excellence Criteria of Eligibility:

- 1. Must be a young woman and be a resident of Louisiana.
- 2. Must be a graduating high school senior from a Louisiana High School or a home school program approved by the Louisiana Department of Education and graduate by May 2016.
- 3. Must attend college in Fall 2016.
- 4. Must have a grade point average of at least a 3.0 or higher.
- 5. Must show attributes of excellence in academics, leadership, community service/volunteerism, integrity and character.
- 6. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

# Louisiana Hero of Excellence Criteria of Eligibility:

- 1. Must be a woman and a resident of Louisiana.
- 2. Must be making or have made extraordinarily positive differences in changing the lives of people in Louisiana and/or beyond. (For example, helping to champion a cause, helping the environment, promoting the well being of women, children and/or their families, helping to improve the health of others, helping to improve the financial and employment well being of others, helping to respond to families in crisis, helping to solve local or social issues, helping the elderly, helping the homeless, helping single parents, etc.)
- 3. Self-Nominations will not be accepted.

#### Non-Profit of Excellence Criteria of Eligibility:

- 1. Must be an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Louisiana, who is in good standing.
- 2. Must be making extraordinarily positive differences in changing the lives of women and girls in Louisiana. (For example, helping to champion a cause for women or girls, promoting the well being of women, children and/or their families, helping to improve the health of women and girls, helping to improve the financial and employment of women and girls, helping to respond to families in crisis, helping to solve local or social issues involving women, girls and families, helping the elderly, helping the homeless, helping single parents, etc.)
- 3. Only one award will be given to the non-profit organization.