

RE-ENTRY SCHOLARSHIP DEFINITION, CRITERIA

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Re-entry education generally refers to adults over the age of 25 who are starting or returning to college. Presently these students make up approximately 1/3 of college students nationally, both at the Community College and Upper Division level. It is our belief that much learning occurs outside of the classroom, thus enabling re-entry students to benefit from and add to the classroom experience of all.

The criteria will be as follows:

- 1) Unemployed/underemployed women who wish to improve their career options
- 2) Resident of Amador County (two of the last six years)
- 3) Demonstrate financial need
- 4) Develop a written essay with career goals defined and/or explained which include previous education and/or life experiences.
- 5) Personal interview

No previous college or high school transcripts will be required, as many students may not be able to access these records. Rather we will request that they describe in writing what they have been doing since graduation from high school, including family responsibilities, volunteer activities or work history.

The candidate must be prepared to declare the number of units in which she plans to enroll per semester. The award will be dependent upon the registered & verified number of units taken per semester and the amount of each award will be determined by the AAUW Amador Board annually based on the current budget.

The application is due April 1.