



Lynden Women in Business and Entrepreneurship Scholarship

Dear Applicant,

On behalf of Lynden Women in Business, we are proud to introduce the *Women in Business & Entrepreneurship Scholarship*. This scholarship was created to support and empower young women who demonstrate leadership, ambition, and a commitment to making an impact through business, entrepreneurship, or economic innovation.

Our mission is to encourage and invest in the next generation of women leaders — whether they choose to pursue higher education or launch a business venture of their own. We recognize that success takes many forms, and we are committed to supporting both academic and entrepreneurial pathways.

Scholarship Criteria & Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a graduating high school senior attending a Lynden located school (public or private) OR be a homeschooled graduating senior (must prove graduating).
- Be a female.
- Demonstrate interest in business, entrepreneurship, leadership, or a related field.
- Plan to either:
 - Attend a college, university, or trade program intending to specialize within an entrepreneurial field (i.e. business, marketing, broad based here), **or**
 - Launch or further develop a business venture.

Submission Requirements

Applicants must submit:

1. A completed scholarship application form.
2. **One of the following:**
 - A 500 to 1,000-word essay addressing the topic:
Women in Business and Entrepreneurship
(Discuss the importance of women in business, challenges faced, community

impact, and your future goals.)

OR

- A business plan (for non-college applicants) outlining:
 - Business concept
 - Target market
 - Revenue model
 - Startup costs
 - Growth strategy
- 3. One letter of recommendation (academic, professional, or community reference).
- 4. Applications can be submitted via email to lyndenwomeninbusiness@gmail.com

Or by regular mail to:

LWIB C/O Kristen Drummond
1012 W. Cascade Lane,
Lynden, WA 98264

Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Demonstrated leadership and initiative
- Clarity of goals and vision
- Understanding of business or entrepreneurial principles
- Community involvement
- Quality, originality, and thoughtfulness of essay or business plan

The scholarship recipient will exemplify integrity, determination, and a commitment to advancing women in business.

Award Information

Award Amount: \$ 500

Application Deadline: May 15th 2026

Notification Date: June 2nd 2026

We encourage all eligible applicants to apply. Lynden Women in Business believes that investing in women strengthens families, communities, and the future of our local economy. We are honored to support young women who are ready to lead boldly and build confidently.

Sincerely,

Lynden Women in Business
Scholarship Committee

Lynden Women in Business Network Business Entrepreneurship Scholarship

Application Form

Section 1: Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

High School: _____

Currently Senior? Yes No

Intended Major / Field of Study: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

College / University Planning to Attend (or refer to Section 5a): _____

Section 2: Academic Information

Current GPA: _____

Class Rank: _____

College Courses Completed During HS: _____

Honors / Awards (attach additional sheet if necessary):

Section 3: Leadership & Involvement

Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, or Organizations:

Leadership Roles Held:

Work Experience:

Community Service / Volunteer Experience:

Section 4: Entrepreneurial Experience (Optional but Encouraged)

Have you started or participated in a business venture? Yes No

If yes, please describe:

Do you plan to pursue entrepreneurship in the future? Yes No

If yes, briefly explain your goals:

Section 5: Essay Requirement (College-Bound Applicants)

Essay Prompt (500–1,000 words):

Women in Business and Entrepreneurship:

Discuss the importance of women in business and entrepreneurship. In your response, address the challenges women face, the impact women entrepreneurs have on communities and the economy, and how you hope to contribute to the future of women in business.

(Attach essay as a separate document. Essays must be typed, double-spaced, 12-point font).

Or

Alternative Submission: Business Plan (Non-College bound Applicants)

If you are not planning to attend college, you may submit a business plan instead of the essay. Please outline your proposed business, target market, revenue model, startup costs, and growth strategy. You may attach a full business plan as a separate document.

Brief Business Concept Summary:

Section 6: Letters of Recommendation

Please list one academic or professional reference and attached a letter of recommendation.

Name: _____

Title/Relationship: _____

Phone or Email: _____

Section 7: Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____