



TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP FORWARD!

AN EDUCATION/TRAINING AWARD In honor of Gini Craig, Founding Member

TO BE AWARDED TO A DESERVING WOMAN IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY NEEDING HELP IN ACHIEVING THE NEXT STEP FORWARD IN HER SUCCESS – A HAND UP TO TURN HER LIFE AROUND

Recipient may use the cash award of \$1500.00 to offset any costs associated with her efforts to attain higher education or training including tuition, books, childcare and transportation.

The successful recipient will have overcome poverty, domestic or sexual violence, abuse or neglect.

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Girlfriends Care's NEXT STEP FORWARD award provides women with resources to improve their education, skills and employment prospects so they can take the NEXT STEP FORWARD in their journey to improve their lives.

Eligible applicants:

- have overcome violence, abuse or neglect.
- have financial need.
- are enrolled in or has been accepted to a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program.
- are motivated to achieve your education and career goals.
- reside within San Diego County and are a United States citizen. (a social security number is required; however, you will not be asked to share this information unless you have been given an award.)
- do not have a graduate degree.
- are not a Girlfriends Care member or employee and not an immediate family of either.

In order for applicants to be fairly judged, reference forms are required. Please do not submit other forms of references (such as a letter). They will not be considered as part of the application. Please email the completed form back to the applicant for submission. Reference forms must be submitted by the applicant with her application.



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Thank you for agreeing to provide a reference for _____
(name of applicant)

Please use your personal knowledge of the applicant to respond to the following questions:

1. How long have you known the candidate, and in what capacity?
(employer, school, friend, etc)
2. Please rate the candidate in the following areas, based upon your knowledge of her achievements and strengths.

	Strongly Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Mostly Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Agree
The applicant has clear goals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The applicant is motivated to reach these goals.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The applicant has demonstrated that she is responsible	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The applicant would be an inspiration to others.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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3. Please tell us what you believe to be the applicant's particular strengths in her personal, educational or professional life. If you can, give examples of these accomplishments.

4. What is your knowledge of the applicant's educational goals and her progress toward achieving these goals. Consider any barriers or difficulties she has overcome.



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5. Is there any additional information we should know about this applicant regarding this award program?

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(Important: Please email completed reference form to the applicant for submission with her application.)

Name: _____ Date: _____
Organization: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____