

2020 Scholarship Program Guidelines

The Key West National Organization for Women (NOW) announces the 2020 **Connie Gilbert Scholarship Awards Program**. One \$2,000 scholarship and two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to female identifying people who live in the Florida Keys to continue their higher education career or apply for a professional license.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

- * Applicants must be women returning to college from the workforce, seeking professional certification or licensing, or entering at least their second year of college.
- * Applicants must reside in Monroe County, Florida.
- * Scholarship funds will be paid by **November 16, 2020**
- * Applicants must have the application submitted by **October 16, 2020**

To Submit an Application by Mail or Email:

Email your completed application to: conniegilbertscholarship@gmail.com.

If you need assistance emailing the application, you are welcome to reach out to us at conniegilbertscholarship@gmail.com.

The applications will be reviewed and recipients selected by a committee consisting of volunteers from Key West NOW. The scholarships will be awarded no later than November 16, 2020.

2020 Scholarship Application

1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address Street: City:	State: Zip:
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: Email Address:	
4.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year Do you identify as female?	
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale, if applicable:	
6.	Are you the first person in your family to go to college?	
7.	If your resume or activities sheet answers question 7, please attach and skip to question 8. A. List any honors, awards, and memberships: B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and volunteer activities:	
8.	Please provide two personal or professional references, including name, phone number, and relationship.	
9.	List Family Gross Annual Income: \$	

10. On a separate sheet please write an essay (250 - 500 words) responding to the following prompt:

The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?

We would like you to know the following about Connie Gilbert:

Connie was active in supporting human rights. She was an activist in many ways. She held signs at protests. She organized the protests. She helped found many Key West organizations: NOW, the ACLU, League of Women Voters, and the Keys Coalition against Child Sex Trafficking. She was also an active member of Equality Florida and the Botanical Garden Society. She was often the leader of those organizations. She was generous financially in support of these causes. She was also a loving mother to her own and "bonus" children. On the side, she was an accomplished musical performer in her youth, and a successful professional in New York until she retired to the Keys.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote the Key West NOW's scholarship program. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to Key West NOW policy, I must be present at any potential awards ceremony or reception (in person or digital) in November 2020 to receive my scholarship award.

Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____

Date: _____