



Minnesota Women of Today Foundation

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Hello MN Women of Today Members!

The Foundation is here to help you and your chapter to be successful! Whether we can provide your chapter assistance by accepting your donation as a 501c3 (see page 2), an extension grant, a scholarship to a chapter member or a grant to your chapter for a local community project, we want to help **you!**

Additionally the MNWT Foundation financially supports the organization with funding for speakers, officer training, equipment for the Chapter Service Center and other trainings. To support these programs, we rely on donations from individuals, chapters, and corporations.

Remember the Foundation while planning out this new Women of Today year. We would love to be included in your chapter budget this year either with a one-time donation or something each trimester. Your donations directly **support MNWT members** and chapters. You may wish to designate your donation for a specific purpose such as chapter grants, outstanding awards, scholarships, or “undesignated,” which allows the Foundation Board to use the funds according to the needs of the Women of Today. We appreciate your donation!

A donation of at least \$25 will qualify you as a sustaining member. A donation of \$35 or more will qualify your chapter for Success points. No matter the size of your donation, it is appreciated.

Please **make your check payable to the MNWT Foundation, and mail to:**

Mary Kaminski, Treasurer, MNWT Foundation, P.O. Box 232, Anoka, MN 55303

I look forward to working with you this year. *Laura*

Foundation’s 40th Anniversary Jewelry Fundraiser

The foundation is celebrating 40 years! To help celebrate you can donate to have chances to win the necklace and bracelet set!

\$100 - 3 chances for the drawing

\$70 – 2 chances for the drawing

\$40 – for a chance at the drawing

Drawing will happen at Winter State.

For more information, please contact us at foundation@mnwt.org



Consider becoming a Foundation Board Member

Have an interest in supporting the MNWT through the work of the Foundation? Please contact me if you are interested in serving on the Foundation Board. Each term is for 2 years, and we meet approximately five times a year.

Foundation Calendar

August 1-Cheryl L Anderson Scholarship Applications due

Aug 2nd- Foundation Board Meeting 7 p.m. (Zoom)

September (Fall State Convention)- Cheryl L Anderson Scholarship Awarded & Lucky Buck Baskets

Anytime-Straight River Scholarship Applications Accepted

Dec 1-Chapter Grant Applications due

Straight River Scholarships

Are you pursuing further education in an area that helps those who are physically and/or mentally challenged? If you need assistance attending a conference or workshop. If so, you should apply for a Straight River Scholarship. Scholarships up to \$400 can be awarded at any convention.

Contact Anna Nichols for more info!

Become a Sustaining Member

For an annual \$25 donation you, your chapter, district, or all of the above, can become sustaining members of the Foundation. Funds are used at the board's discretion to support the mission of the MNWT. Funds have been used for the membership rebate program, for PE courses, to pay for speakers at convention, to support the President/State Delegate retreat and many more programs. Won't you send your donation today?

Check out the MNWT Foundation page on the MNWT website including minutes, scholarship applications and information on the upcoming meetings. Feel free to join us for a meeting.



A little more about the MNWT Foundation....

Do not know much about the MNWT Foundation? That is okay. There is a lot to know about the MNWT and the Foundation is a part of that.

The MNWT Foundation has Committees chaired and organized by various Foundation Board members: Scholarship, Chapter Grants, Endowment Fund, Corporate Solicitations, and Planned Giving.

As you may have read above, the Scholarship Committee handles the Cheryl L Anderson Scholarships, Straight River Scholarships and the Winter State Jewelry Auction.

Chapter Grants, reviews chapter applications awarding grants to chapters for their projects.

This committee also organizes the Fall State Lucky Buck Baskets to fund the grants program.

Endowment Fund works to set up our Endowments Funds and helps with other fundraising.

Corporate Solicitations assists chapters to secure grants through the Foundation. Those donations, grants are then donated back to chapters with a 1% fee. This committee also manages various other funding opportunities.

Planned Giving, solicits sustaining membership donations and has also recently completed a brochure on how to plan giving to the Foundation.

Fall State Lucky Buck Auction Items Needed

At Fall State 2024 we be holding a lucky buck auction. The proceeds from this auction support the chapter grants program that awards grants to individual chapters for their community projects.

If you, your chapter have a donation, please contact Chapter Grants Chair, Allie Staley or contact me at foundation@mnwt.org We are looking for items related to the follow two basket themes.

Basket 1 - Home Sweet Home in Minnesota. Basket 2- Gift card
The third basket is a Tech Basket (from the past state presidents)

Cheryl L. Anderson/ Straight River Scholarships

Cheryl L. Anderson Scholarship

Cheryl was a member of the Anoka Women of Today for 9 years. She served her chapter and the state organization in many positions including President of the Key Women Club. She was an art teacher and unfortunately passed away in 1989. One of Cheryl's unfulfilled goals was to return to school and further her education in school counseling. Her goal lives on in this scholarship.

To be eligible, you must be a member in good standing for 2 or more years and entered college with an approved program. You must show a need for financial assistance. Applications are due by **August 1st** and will be awarded at Fall State.

Straight River Scholarship Fund

This scholarship is funded by the Straight River Women of Today. Their chapter consisted of members who have physical and developmental challenges. They ran many of the same fundraising projects as other chapters do. This scholarship is for the members who are furthering their education in an area to help those who are physically or mentally challenged.

To be eligible, you must be a member in good standing for two or more years and seeking to further your education in a field related to working with mentally or physically challenged people. Applications need to be submitted by **Aug 1st, January 1st, and April 1st** (anytime) for the Foundation Board to consider awarding a scholarship in conjunction with our meetings.

A special thank you to the Straight River Chapter whose generous contributions have made this scholarship possible for our members.

For more information on either of these scholarships, contact Laura Gaylord or Anna Nichols, scholarship committee chair, or online at www.mnwt.org find the Book of Forms and search for Foundation: Applications.