

Sedalia Business Women Scholarships

Each year Sedalia Business Women awards scholarships based on financial need and available funds. Applications are on our Resources page at Sedaliabwm.org and must be returned by the date on the form.

Congratulations to the SBW Scholarship Recipients! 2020-2021



Valerie Dent, Linda Fox, Sarah Henderson, and Jessica Hofheins

Jessica Hofheins is beginning her second year of nursing school at State Fair Community College to obtain her RN Certificate. She expects to graduate in May 2021 and plans to work locally in Sedalia.

She recently became a Licensed Practical Nurse and is eager to reach her professional aspirations. While Covid-19 has made nursing school interesting for the past year, she plans to narrow down her ideas on which type of nursing care she would like to specialize in between the OR, OB/Delivery, or the oncology department.

Nursing school is challenging, but she is blessed to say that the support she receives from her husband and family has allowed her to stay successful the past academic year. She feels confident that she will have another great year and looks forward to becoming a professional woman within the community.

Sarah Henderson is a city girl turned country girl. She moved to Sedalia about three years ago from Columbia to start a new life after going through a few life changes. She now lives on a small farm just east of Sedalia in Otterville. She lives with her boyfriend Brandon and all of their livestock. This includes “Normie” her cow, named after the movie *City Slickers*, their sheep, and hogs.

She could never imagine going back to city life. She is currently employed by Central Missouri Electric Cooperative and is attending school at State Fair Community College. She will graduate with an AAS in Business Management with an emphasis in Accounting in May 2021. Her career goal is to find a job that she loves and can grow with. She wants someplace that she can call home and family.

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2019-2020**



Kelsey Ehlers and Jessica Hofheins

Kelsey Ehlers is originally from Tulsa, OK, but has lived in Sedalia and called it home for the majority of her life. She is a full-time student at State Fair Community College, a mother to three kiddos, and a wife to her awesome husband, Jeremiah.

Currently, she is pursuing an Associate of Applied Science in Health Information and Technology as well as a professional certification in Medical Coding. She is on track to graduate from SFCC December 2019 and from there her plan is to immediately start her career in Health Information Management full-time. On the side, she would like to work toward completing a CTR program online to become a licensed cancer tumor registrar. She is extremely grateful for the scholarship and the wonderful opportunity.

Jessica Hofheins is starting the nursing program at State Fair Community College in the fall of 2019. She is finally pursuing her desire to become a nurse and start a career for her future. She has been working a full-time job and taking part-time classes for the past couple of years to get to this point. She has worked as a retail store manager for the past ten years and realized she wanted more for herself and her family. She is excited to finally be in a career path that suits her desire to help others.

She plans on graduating from State Fair Community College in May of 2021. This two-year program will be tough, but she has a wonderful husband, Patrick, that will be her support system. She feels blessed to receive the SBW scholarship. The scholarship will contribute to her financial need and allow her to continue her goal to become an RN.

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2018-2019



Mary Bowlin is following her dream to be a cosmetologist. She will graduate in April 2019.

She wants to use her creativity to make people, especially women feel beautiful. She plans to advance to instructor training and eventually start her own school and camp for inspiring cosmetologists. She wants to boost confidence and self-esteem in everyone who comes to her salon.

Mary has always lived in the Sedalia area. She is married with three children.

Erica Price is a wife, Kindergarten teacher, and graduate student at the University of Central Missouri. She will graduate with her Master's Degree in Elementary Education in May 2019. Erica's passion is to inspire more children by obtaining a position as an Elementary Principal.

Erica was born and raised in rural Sedalia and graduated from Cole Camp R-1 in 2006. She is the mother of two boys.





Megan Ferguson is pursuing a Bachelor of Nursing degree at Central Methodist University. The accelerated nursing program to become an RN is fourteen months.

Megan has a bachelor degree in biology/psychology from Northwest Missouri State University and has been working in the healthcare industry. She graduated from Linn State Technical College with a Physical Therapist Assistant Associates Degree. She has worked as a travel therapist and then full time for five years as a PTA in Columbia, MO. She has worked as a PRN physical therapist assistant in Columbia and surrounding towns in skilled nursing facilities. She is employed at Bothwell Regional Health Center as a weekend therapist and works in the skilled nursing unit, the acute floor, progressive care unit, and intensive care units.

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2017-2018**



Tammie Thornton is a wife, mother and full time college student. She is currently a junior at Central Methodist University (CMU) working on a Bachelor of Science in Education. With a B.S. in Education, she plans to teach middle school mathematics and/or special education. She loves being able to take care of her family while returning to college to seek a degree that will help financially support her family.

Through the many generous scholarships, this one included, she is meeting her number one goal “getting an education debt free.” She knows the hardships debt brings to a person or family and does not want that for her family.

Tammie is currently working on her fourth term at CMU and enjoys the small class sizes, along with the knowledgeable and caring instructors. She plans to continue working on her B.S. in Middle School Mathematics at CMU. Her predicted graduation date is December 2018.

Karly McAllister is from Sedalia, MO, and is currently attending State Fair Community College working toward a nursing degree. She currently has her associate’s degree in Early Childhood Development.

Nursing has always been a passion, and she is now on the right track to reach her goal. She hopes to begin her career immediately following graduation in May 2019.

At this time, Karly would like to work in either pediatrics or cardiology. She plans to continue her education and complete her bachelor’s degree at Central Methodist University.



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2016-2017**



Stacie Savage will graduate in May 2017 from the University of Central Missouri with a Bachelor's Degree in dietetics and a minor in psychology.

After graduation, she plans to complete an accredited internship and exam to become a registered dietitian. She wants to work in a hospital or nursing home as a clinical dietitian offering nutrition counseling and meal planning for patients with special diet needs due to their medical condition.

She is president of L.E.A.D.D. Club, which promotes awareness for embracing disabilities. She volunteered at her campus's food pantry and participates in the honors program.

Mickayla Peters is pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Development. After she receives her degree from State Fair Community College, she plans to go to a four-year university. Her two choices are Central Methodist University and University of Central Missouri.

In addition to taking classes at SFCC, she teaches at Applewood Christian Academy. Eventually she wants to work with special needs children.

She has a daughter, Adaline, and is married to Derek.





Heather Slagle was born and raised in Sedalia and graduated from Smith-Cotton in 1997. She has three children, ages eight, six, and five. She is a student at SFCC enrolled in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program and will graduate in 2017.

She is grateful for the scholarship as it gives her the ability to travel to a clinical site in Grandview, MO, three to four times a week each semester. This site is the “golden goose” of opportunities due to great instructors willing to train her beyond her educational curriculum in echoes (ultrasounds of the heart).

She hopes to stay in the area after graduation and work in a hospital or cardiology clinic.

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2015-2016**



Carrie Gleason's goal is to obtain a Master's Degree in Social Work.

Carrie made her decision to go back to school because she decided that cancer was not going to take any more from her family than it already had. She was forced out of her career of thirteen years when she found out she had advanced stage cancer.

Carrie said, "So far this journey back to school has been very rewarding for my family."

Stacie Savage will graduate from the University of Central Missouri with a Bachelor's Degree in dietetics and a minor in psychology.

When Stacie graduates, she will be a nutritionist and hopes to complete an accredited internship and exam to become a Registered Dietician. She said, "I would like to work in a hospital or nursing home offering nutrition counseling and meal planning for patients who have special diet needs due to their medical conditions."





Heather Slagle is a student and member of Phi Theta Kappa at SFCC. She was recently accepted into the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program for the fall. When she graduates in 2017, she is eager to return to the workforce.

Heather was previously employed for three years as a CNA at Peacehealth in Ketchikan, Alaska, on the medical-surgical floor. This career introduced her to a passion for helping people through the medical field. She said, “I was born and raised in Sedalia and graduated from Smith-Cotton High School. I am excited to continue my education at SFCC.”

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2014-2015



Stacie Savage is a junior at the University of Central Missouri majoring in dietetics with a psychology minor. She is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in dietetics because she wants to be a nutritionist.

After graduation, her first priority will be to complete an internship so she can become a Registered Dietician. With the registration, she would like to work in a hospital offering nutrition counseling for patients who have a special diet need due to a medical condition. Even without the registration/internship, she will still have many options as a nutritionist.

During her college experience thus far, she has had many opportunities. She was the President of the L.E.A.D.D. club (Leadership, Education, and

Advocacy for Disability as Diversity) and promoted awareness for embracing disabilities.

Stacie is a single mom and nontraditional college student. She is a member of Sedalia Business Women.

Jamie Folsom is seeking an Associates of Art degree in Secondary Education at State Fair Community College in Sedalia. Then she will be attending University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg to get her Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education. Also, time permitting, she plans to work toward her Master's degree in psychology while working as a teacher.

Jamie believes these two fields are linked together because psychology allows a teacher to better understand the students he/she is teaching. Finally, one day she would like to get her Ph.D., but will have to wait and see if that is truly in her future.

Jamie has been married for twenty-four years and they have three wonderful boys who have turned into fine young men. She is also the grandmother of one boy and one girl. Jamie was born and raised in the small town of Stover and still resides there.



A non-traditional student, Jamie works full-time as an assistant manager at Nicholas Supermarkets, Inc. in Tipton. She attends church at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stover, where she has worked as a vacation bible schoolteacher. She is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa group at SFCC, the Missouri State Teachers Association for students, and Sedalia Business Women. She has organized clothes give-a-ways through church and delivered food to shut-ins and a food pantry at church. Her group has an adopted highway that they cleanup twice a year in memory of her mother.

Congratulations to the SBW Scholarship Recipients! 2013-2014

The SBW Career Advancement Committee awarded scholarships for the 2013-2014 school year.

The recipient of the Henri Etta Sanders Scholarship is **Amanda Kroeger**. She returned to State Fair Community College last year to complete an AAS degree in Accounting after an extended hiatus. Owing a family farm, she realized how important it was to find an accountant that understood the unique business aspects of agriculture. That is why she is also working toward a Professional Certificate in Agricultural Business to complement her Accounting degree.

In addition to her normal coursework, she spent the first several months of this year preparing for the Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation Accredited Business Accountant exam and passed both sections. After graduating next year, she plans to further her knowledge of accounting related topics through continuing professional education courses, and hopes to eventually earn the IRS Enrolled Agent credential. She hopes that she can encourage and inspire other women to reach for their goals, no matter what their age or situation may be.

Mary McIntire has three wonderful children ages fourteen, eleven, and ten. Mary loves spending time outdoors, camping, cooking, doing crafts, and scrapbooking. She works at the Golden Valley Medical Clinic in Clinton, Missouri, in the finance/credit department.

She is currently enrolled in the Medical Coding program at State Fair Community College. She hopes to become a certified coder within the next year or so and begin a career as a medical coder. She is currently working on the certificate for Medical Coding and will continue on to complete the Health Information Technology program through State Fair Community College. She Looks forward to a very rewarding career.

Stephanie Lin Harvey is a twenty-who-year-old full time student at the University of Central Missouri (UCM). This is her second semester at UCM and she plans to graduate in December 2014 with a Bachelor's degree in public relations and marketing. At UCM she is involved in AMA (American Marketing Association) and PRSSA (Robert L. Kendall Public Relations Student Society of America). She plans to complete one to two internships this upcoming spring and summer.

Stephanie graduated State Fair Community College in December 2012 with an AA degree in Communications. In 2010, she graduated from LaMonte High School where she was involved in many clubs and organizations. In the future she would like to get a good job and later on have children, as well as, possibly become a foster parent. she would also like to own a small business and help people and animals.

If **Jamie Folsom** had to describe herself in one word, she would say, determined. She lives in Stover, Missouri. She is married and the mother of three boys and the grandmother of two. She has worked in the retail business since she was eighteen years old, but always had the desire to have a different career. Now, that her children are older, she feels like she can pursue her dream of furthering her education and change her career path.

She wants to enter the medical field. In fact, she plans to earn her associates degree as an occupational therapy assistant and work either in a hospital or nursing home setting. She would like to be able to help people be independent again, while working with people in a closer relationship than she does presently. Later, she would like to obtain my degree to be an occupational therapist.

**Congratulations to the SBW Scholarship Recipients and
National BPW Career Advancement Recipient!
2012-2013**

The SBW Career Advancement Committee awarded scholarships for the 2012-2013 school year totaling \$2,100. \$700 scholarships were awarded to Jessica Bowers, Casey Schmidt, and Teresa Pennock. Shawna Fisher won a \$1000 scholarship from National Business and Professional Women Foundation Career Advancement Scholarship

Casey Schmidt was born and raised in Sedalia. She graduated Smith-Cotton High School in 1999 and attended college sporadically until she earned her Associate of Arts degree in 2008 from State Fair Community College. After a short, break, she went back to school in January of 2012 to continue her education by working towards an Associate of Science degree from State Fair Community College and a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Methodist University. Her major is Business and Finance and her minor is Economics. She's currently employed at Excel Bank where she is the Loan Administration Officer. It is her overall goal to enter into a Paralegal program or a Pre- Law program.

Teresa Pennock was a displaced worker who contacted SFCC. With their assistance, she is now a full-time student pursuing an online Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology (HIT) degree. Through the course of her education, she has been encouraged to reach out to organizations for career and financial support. In doing so, she has been awarded \$1,000 from the "Hazel L. Kohring, Women in Transition" scholarship from the Missouri Business and Professional Women's Foundation and a \$700 scholarship from Sedalia Business Women. Her education will enable her to apply for a medical office position. In the future with her expertise, she would like to open an office in Windsor that would employ a medical transcriber, coder, and biller. With much gratitude, she will look forward to applying for positions that previously would not have been an option for her.

Jessica Bowers from Cole Camp is a Volunteer Fire fighter, First Responder, Certified Nurse Assistant, and a Cook. Currently she is attending University of Central Missouri (UCM) to obtain a nursing degree. This past summer, she worked at Good Samaritan Care Center in Cole Camp and as a lead cook at Heit's Point Lutheran Camp where she has been employed for four years. She will attend three years at UCM and will be in Kansas City, Missouri her senior year. By obtaining her nursing degree, she will be a Registered Nurse and then plans to further her education by getting her doctorate to obtain a Nurse Practitioner License. After becoming a Nurse Practitioner, she would love to eventually come back to the rural community where she was raised and practice as a Nurse Practitioner.

Shawna Fisher, RN, is the recipient of a \$1,000 Business and Professional Women Foundation Career Advancement Scholarship awarded by National BPW. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing through the University of Central Missouri. In her application, Shawna said, "I have always felt strongly that education is empowering, offering self confidence and self sufficiency, and as a woman, helps level the playing field in the job market." Shawna

works as a surgical nurse at Fitzgibbon Hospital in Marshall. Shawna is married to Eric Fisher and has two children. Colby is a freshman at UCM, and Whitney is a freshman at Smithton High School.



Shawna Fisher, Casey Schmidt, Teresa Pennock, Jessica Bowers

Congratulations to the SBW Scholarship Recipients! 2011-2012

The SBW Career Advancement Committee awarded scholarships for the 2011-2012 school year totaling \$2,100. \$700 scholarships were awarded to Stephanie Harvey, Luesa Schrader, and Bobbi Shankles.



Stephanie Harvey is studying journalism at State Fair Community College while working two jobs and commuting from La Monte. Her plan is to transfer to University of Central Missouri after obtaining an Associate of Arts degree in the next two years. Stephanie is first person in her family to attend college.

With a philosophy of “you can never learn too much,” **Luesa Schader** of Sedalia is a certified gemologist and works full time in the jewelry business. She is seeking an associate degree in computer information systems with an emphasis in accounting at State Fair Community College and plans to transfer to William Woods University to complete her bachelor's in management information systems with a minor in business management.



“Dealing with the issues one creates for themselves only makes a stronger person,” writes **Bobbi Shankles** of Windsor. Her life experiences have seen her through her son’s recovery from heart surgery and an overseas tour of duty with her husband in the Air Force. Bobbi is pursuing a degree in Business and Human Resources.

Congratulations to the SBW Scholarship Recipients!
2010-2011

The SBW Career Advancement Committee awarded scholarships for the 2010-2011 school year totaling \$2,000. \$1000 scholarships were awarded to Jacqueline Miller, and Luesa Schrader.

Jacqueline Miller is currently enrolled full time at State Fair Community College in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program through Missouri Health Professions Consortium for an Associate of Applied Science Degree. Her current goal is to graduate in December 2010 and get her Occupational Therapy Assistant certification through the state the first of 2011. Her future plan is to go to University of Missouri of Columbia, Mo and get her master's degree as an OTR Registered Occupational Therapist.

Luesa Schrader is starting State Fair Community College to pursue her Associate of Applied Science Degree in computer information systems with emphasis in accounting. She plans to graduate in two years then eventually attend William Woods University to complete her career education in management information with emphasis in accounting. She currently works in the Jewelry business full time as a certified graduate Gemologist she is an alumni (GIA) Gemological Institute of America.

Congratulations to the SBW Scholarship Recipients!
2009-2010

The SBW Career Advancement Committee awarded scholarships for the 2009-2010 school year totaling \$2,000. \$500 scholarships were awarded to Karen Fitch, Ursula Harris, Morgan Millsap, and Dian St. Clair.

Karen Fitch is going to State Fair Community College in the nursing program.. She has completed her LPN requirements and going on for her ADN Certificate-R.N. She is a single mother with one child and worked as a waitress at Dickie Doo Bar-B-Q. She is very active in the Heart Association and the Cancer Society.

Ursula Harris is a SBW member and finishing her Bachelors Degree at UCM and will graduate in May 2010 as a Business Management major/Sociology minor. She is a single mother with three children, has twenty years of Naval Service and eventually hopes to open her own Bed and Breakfast.

Morgan Millsap is attending State Fair Community College in the Occupational Therapy program. She plans to graduate in December 2010 with an AA in Occupational Therapy Assisting. She is a single mother with one child.

Dian St. Clair is attending Central Methodist University pursuing a BA in Elementary Education. She worked at the Booneville Correctional Center for eighteen years as a secretary in the school where offenders work on getting a GED. Dian started Central Methodist classes last year in Sedalia with a goal to become a teacher.

Congratulations to the SBW Scholarship Recipients!
2008-2009

The Sedalia Business Women's Career Advancement Committee awarded scholarships for the 2008-2009 school year totaling \$2,000. \$500 scholarships were awarded to Shawna Fisher, Tracy Harms, Ursula Harris, and Becky Weisel.

Shawna Fisher: Shawna lives in Smithton and attends the Saline County Career Center in Marshall. She plans to start a career in nursing.

Tracy Harms: Tracy lives in Cole Camp and attends State Fair Community College. She is majoring in Elementary Education and plans to transfer to University of Central Missouri.

Ursula Harris: Ursula lives in Sedalia and attends the University of Central Missouri. She looks toward graduation in 2010 with a degree in Business Management.

Becky Weisel: Becky lives in Windsor and attends State Fair Community College. She is studying in the medical field, specializing in procedures and coding.

2007-2008

The Sedalia Business Women's Career Advancement Committee awarded scholarships for the 2007-2008 school year totaling \$2,000. \$500 scholarships were awarded to Jody Baslee, Ashley Beasley, Angela Kara Beegle, and Amanda Letourneau.

Jody Baslee: Jody was born and raised in Sedalia, MO, and is currently attending State Fair Community College. Jody received her AAS degree in radiology in May 2005 from SFCC but decided to go back and further her education in nursing. She is also very busy outside of attending school. Jody is a member of Elks Lodge #125, involved with the Broadway Presbyterian Church, and a member of the PN Nursing Chapter at SFCC.

Ashley Beasley: Ashley currently lives in Warsaw, MO, where she has donated a lot of her free time to the community. She has been a volunteer for the Warsaw Senior Center, Nelson Rolf Animal Shelter, along with regular neighborhood upkeep. Ashley is currently participating in the Emerging Leaders program at SFCC while trying to obtain a degree to become a Dental Hygienist.

Kara Beegle: Kara is currently attending SFCC and working toward a degree in radiology. She is expected to graduate in May 2008. She is currently a fulltime student and works part time to help pay for some of her expenses as far as school supplies, transportation, tuition, etc. Kara's goals are to advance her education to become an ultrasound technologist.

Amanda Letourneau: Amanda is a recent graduate of Smithton High School and just started her first semester at Columbia College. Amanda has been very active throughout high school (science club, student counsel, and athlete's club were just a few of the activities she dabbled in). Amanda is currently trying to pursue a degree in education to become a high school science teacher.