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Women's Fund Scholarship Applications Available, Due April 15

Applications are now available for Women's Fund El Dorado's (WFED) Wickline Scholarship, established to assist women living on the western slope of El Dorado County overcoming personal hardships by pursuing an undergraduate or vocational degree.

The award of \$2,300 is distributed each year to one or more recipients. Applications are due by April 15, and recipients will be notified on May 15. The form is available online at <http://womensfundel dorado.org/individual-scholarships-grants/> or may be picked up at the El Dorado Community Foundation, 312 Main St., Suite 202, Placerville.

"The Wickline Scholarship assists those women who have had to postpone their educational goals for a variety of reasons, such as having children, illness or caring for a loved one," explained Jennifer Sands, WFED education chair. "It's an honor to be able to help such remarkable women return to school."

To be eligible, students must meet all of the following criteria: be a female over the age of 25; reside on the western slope of El Dorado County; be accepted by and plan to attend an accredited educational or vocational institution; demonstrate financial need; and be available for a possible interview by the Wickline Scholar committee. Applications are scored on the basis of financial need and personal history. An individual can receive the scholarship twice but must reapply for consideration.

The scholarship was established in 2009 from a legacy gift of the late Marian Wickline, who moved from the Bay Area to Placerville in 1988 and became involved in local affairs, active in numerous organizations and a member of several county commissions.

A 1934 graduate of Mills College, Wickline was one of very few women at the time to earn a degree in chemistry; despite obstacles faced by the women of her time she went on to enjoy a successful career supervising the Chemical Information Department at Dow Chemical

in Walnut Creek. Upon her death in 2009, a legacy gift to the El Dorado Community Foundation formed the basis for the scholarship in her name. A challenge grant and additional funding from the Community Foundation resulted in a combined \$50,000, enabling WFED to offer the scholarship on an annual basis for generations to come.

Funding for each year's scholarship comes from proceeds earned by the Wickline Scholar Fund Endowment's Fund the prior year. No WFED membership dues go toward the funding of the Wickline Scholarship.

Women's Fund El Dorado, a fund of the El Dorado Community Foundation, is a collective giving organization that is open to all for a donation of \$200 a year or more. Funds collected are pooled and leveraged in the form of grants, voted on by members, which support community philanthropy to enhance the quality of life on the western slope of El Dorado County. Since it was founded in 2008, membership has grown to over 400 and the organization has granted more than \$350,000. For details, visit womensfundelorado.org or call (530) 622-5621.

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Calendar item

April 15 — Women's Fund El Dorado Wickline Scholarship applications due

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