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Now Accepting Applications for the YWCA Harriet M. Heatherington Scholarship Fund

The YWCA is providing continuing education opportunities for women.

PHOENIX, Ariz. – (November 5, 2008)...The YWCA Maricopa County is now accepting applications for its Harriet M. Heatherington Scholarship Fund for the upcoming academic year (2009-2010). The scholarship application must be postmarked by January 24, 2009. Scholarships are distributed once each year to women pursuing their post-secondary education in an Arizona college, trade school or university through the Arizona Community Foundation. Scholarship recipients are selected based on their financial need, academic standing, career goals, and their demonstration and desire to complete their post-secondary education.

"Education is one of the keys to success and economic stability. Part of the YWCA's mission is to educate and empower women so they can become strong, self-sufficient, contributing members of their community; to become positive female role models to other young women," said Dana Campbell Saylor, chief executive officer of the YWCA Maricopa County. "Through the Harriet M. Heatherington Scholarship Fund, the YWCA supports and encourages women to fulfill their educational and career goals so that they make a better life for themselves, their families and the community."

The scholarship application is available online at www.ywcaaz.org or www.azfoundation.org/scholarships/. Scholarship applications and any required materials, including transcripts, recommendation letters, Student Aid Report, and essays, must be postmarked by January 24, 2009. The scholarship award announcement will be made by February 9, 2009 and the scholarship recipient will be recognized at the 16th Annual Tribute to Women Awards Luncheon on Thursday, February 19, 2009.

In order to be considered for the YWCA Harriet M. Heatherington Scholarship, candidates must meet the outlined criteria below:

- Female, with preference given to those with dependents.
- Intent to enroll at a post-secondary school in Arizona (vocational school, community college, or university).
- U.S. citizen or legal immigrant; Arizona resident for tuition purposes at public colleges.
- High school graduate with at least a 2.0 GPA or cumulative score of 460 or better on G.E.D. or successful completion of at least 12 credits of college level work with a G.P.A. of 2.0 or higher.
- Financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov/)
- Preference given to current or former residents of the YWCA Haven House and to women in refugee status.

For questions about the scholarship application process, contact Tina Bronson at (602) 258-0990 or Tina.Bronson@ywcaaz.org.

About the YWCA Harriet M. Heatherington Scholarship Fund

The Scholarship Fund was established by Harriet M. Heatherington in 1966. Harriet was a member and long-time supporter of the YWCA Maricopa County. She created the scholarship fund through her estate to help deserving women attain their educational goals. In past years, dedicated friends of Harriet and volunteers of the YWCA Maricopa County awarded over \$75,000 in scholarships to over 260 women who were passionate about moving forward with their life and furthering their careers.

About YWCA Maricopa County, Local – National – International

The YWCA Maricopa County is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has served the Phoenix metropolitan area since 1912. Locally, as well as worldwide, the YWCA develops opportunities for women's growth in leadership and justice to achieve human rights, dignity, freedom, health, security and peace for all people.

The YWCA is the oldest and largest multicultural women's organization worldwide with more than 25 million members in 122 countries, including 2 million members in 300 local associations in the United States.

For more information on Maricopa County's YWCA visit www.ywcaaz.org or call (602)258-0990, Washington D.C. YWCA U.S.A. www.ywca.org and World YWCA Geneva, Switzerland www.worldywca.info/

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