**2020 EMPOWERMENT FUND AWARD NOTICE**

**Women in Power Empowering** creates opportunities for women to overcome obstacles by providing financial awards, mentoring, and support. The Empowerment Fund Award was established to assist women throughout our community with overcoming temporary financial barriers.

**Funds may be used for the following needs**:

* Deposit and first month’s rent
* Transportation expenses (e.g. repairs; down payment assistance)
* Uniforms, tools, or equipment needed for new careers or educational programs
* Childcare expenses
* Tuition and/or educational expenses
* Or other financial needs that will improve the applicant’s current financial situation

**Who should apply? \***

Women who are current residents of Tarrant County and:

* Experiencing a temporary financial hardship
* Financial hardship will not continue after assistance is provided

\* Previous Empowerment Fund recipients are eligible to apply for new awards 24 months following their award date.

**How to apply?**

Submit the attached application, supporting documentation (e.g. invoice for cost), explanation on why the hardship exists, and why it will not be an issue moving forwarded if awarded. **Applications that do not include documentation will not be considered.**

**Submit to:** womeninpowerempowering@gmail.com or mail to Women In Power Empowering at P.O. Box 8896, Fort Worth, TX 76124. **Applications submitted via mail must be postmarked no later than last day of the application period.**

Awardees will be contacted by phone and email. Awardees unable to be contacted by acceptance deadline will be disqualified.

***Awarded funds will be paid directly to vendors or service providers. No funds will be paid to individuals.***

**Application submission deadlines for 2020**

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| **Application Period** | **Awardees Contact Date** | **Awardee Acceptance Deadline** |
| February 15th-March 15th | March 20th | March 23rd |
| May 15th – June 15th  | June 20th | June 23rd |
| August 15th – Sept. 15th | September 20th | September 23rd |
| November 1st- November 30th | December 4th | December 6th |

**WOMEN IN POWER EMPOWERING**

**2020 EMPOWERMENT FUND AWARD APPLICATION**

Last Name First Name

Address City State Zip

Phone Alternate Phone Email

**In the space provided below please answer the following questions.**

**Please explain your current need and/or financial hardship and how these funds will assist you with overcoming the financial hardship?**

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**What caused your current financial hardship?**

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**What is your plan to sustain financially moving forward to prevent this from being a continued hardship?**

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**Please list any programs or services you are currently enrolled in that will assist you in maintaining financial stability?**

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**Have you applied for assistance with any other agencies or programs to assist with this financial hardship? If yes, please list the name and status?**

If the Application Review Committee has questions may we contact you? Yes **** No ****

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**The following information will not affect the selection process.**

How many adults are in your household? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many children under the age of 18 are in your household? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your total gross income? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ circle one: weekly monthly annual

How did you hear about the Empowerment Fund? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_