



# **WBOC Opportunity Grant 2016 Guidelines & Application**



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## General Information

**WBOC** (Women Business Opportunities Connections) is the premier organization in CNY for women in business. Our membership is comprised of women business owners, women in business and women business start-ups.

Whether running our own business, working for an employer or launching a new endeavor, we are connected through our entrepreneurial mindset.

## **Our Mission...**

To support and advance the success of women in business by providing educational programs, networking and collaboration opportunities, and enhanced awareness through marketing and promotion.

**WBOC** provides an environment for building strong professional and personal connections, as well as education, support and inspiration through:

- \* Monthly meetings the first Wednesday of each month from September through June
- \* Educational programs
- \* Connection Opportunities
- \* Kinship with other women entrepreneurs
- \* Marketing and promotion to enhance awareness of your business and women entrepreneurship
- \* Collaboration with other organizations supporting entrepreneurship

## The Grant

We will be awarding two grants, one for \$1,000 and one for \$500 awarded to recipients who will use the money to grow their business in some way.

The WBOC Opportunity Grant is awarded to a woman of any nationality in business, which has a financial need and demonstrates initiative, ambition, and a commitment to pursuing an entrepreneurial spirit.

## **Who Is Eligible?**

- ☺ Must be a current WBOC member
- ☺ Woman of any nationality who is in business, a business owner, or a business start up.
- ☺ Must be able at least 18 years old
- ☺ Must be able to express how this grant will be used to grow their business
- ☺ Must present at detailed outline how this money will be spent (i.e., new technology, marketing, office improvements, etc.)
- ☺ Must provide a financial statement demonstrating the need for the grant.
- ☺ Must be able to serve on a WBOC committee during grant year

## How Do I Apply?

Complete an application which is attached to this document or may be printed or downloaded from the "Member" page on the WBOC website, ([www.WBOCconnection.org](http://www.WBOCconnection.org)) and submit to:

WBOC  
Attn: Philanthropic Committee  
5701 East Circle Drive, #305  
Cicero, NY 13039

Or email to [info@wboconnection.org](mailto:info@wboconnection.org)

**The deadline for applications received is May 23, 2016.** You will be notified by Friday, May 27th if you have been chosen as a recipient of this grant. The WBOC Opportunity Grant will be awarded at the June monthly meeting.



# WBOC Opportunity Grant 2016 APPLICATION

Application Deadline: May 23, 2016

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Start date in current position: \_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteer and Other Activities

(Please describe your volunteer, memberships and other networking organizations that you belong to):

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## Entrepreneurial Goals

- 1) Please describe your business and its role in the marketplace.
- 2) How do you believe this grant will benefit your business goals?
- 3) What is the purpose of this grant in your business – how will the money be used to grow your business?

How would you categorize yourself? Please check a box:

- Business Owner
- Entrepreneurial Employee

- Business Start-Up
- Independent Contractor

## **Financial Need**

(Please explain your financial need as it relates to this grant)

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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