

# Burlington County Women's Advisory Council



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## **SEEKING: Outstanding Female Students** Burlington County Women's Advisory Council Award and Scholarship Program

Dear School Superintendents and Principals:

The Burlington County Women's Advisory Council is seeking nominations from schools, organizations and community programs, for the **Outstanding Women of Burlington County Award** for the "Alice Paul Champion Award", the "Celeste Arties Memorial Award" and the "Elizabeth Coleman White STEM Award". The Council is pleased to be awarding three Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 to each award recipient.

Each year the Council and the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders honor women who have made a significant contribution as well as demonstrated their support for the women of our community. Award winners include mentors, role models, volunteers and advocates for other women. We are currently accepting nominations to recognize and honor three outstanding 12<sup>th</sup> grade female students.

The first young woman must show their experiences in leadership along with their advocacy of women's equality issues. The second young woman must show excellence in scholastics and leadership while serving as a positive role model for other young women through her interest in women's issues. The third student must also show excellence in scholastics and leadership as well as have an extensive interest in STEM studies and hope to pursue Science Technology Engineering and Math in her future educational endeavors.

The winning candidates will be honored, along with non-student recipients, at our annual Outstanding Women of Burlington County Awards Dinner. They will be presented with the "Celeste Arties Memorial Award" in memory of Ms. Arties, who served on the Burlington County Committee on Women for many years. The "Elizabeth Coleman White STEM Award" in honor of the pioneering efforts of Burlington County's own Agricultural Specialist the late Ms. White made along with Dr. Fredrick A Coville, USDA, in cultivating the first high-bush blueberry crop. The "Alice Paul Champion Award" in honor of Alice Paul who was a fierce advocate of women's equality issues, particularly the right to vote and gender equality guaranteed by the Constitution.

The nominated high school seniors must complete the application, which includes an essay of no more than 750 words. **All nominations must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2019.** Award presentations will be made at the annual Outstanding Women of Burlington County Awards Dinner in June.

Please take the time to identify special young women in your school and be sure they complete the application so they can be considered for one of these prestigious awards and scholarships.

**Nomination forms may be mailed, emailed or hand delivered to:**

Mrs. Christine Gonnelli  
Board of Chosen Freeholders  
49 Rancocas Road  
P.O. Box 6000  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060  
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**Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on April 1, 2019**

# 2019 Outstanding Women of Burlington County Awards

## NOMINATION FORM

Access this form online at: <http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/263/Womens-Advisory-Council>

Responses should be attached on a separate sheet of paper, typed and double spaced and sent to Mrs. Gonnelli. For more information concerning award requirements, please contact Mrs. Gonnelli at (609) 265-5020.

The detailed description which you craft for the nominee has a great influence on the selection process.

Specific information/specific facts provide rich detail which helps to paint a complete portrait of the nominee.

**This year, the Council is pleased to be awarding three scholarships each in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the award recipients.**

**Please fill out a separate form for each nomination category.**

### **Nomination Deadline: 4 p.m. April 1, 2019**

#### **Candidate Information:**

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's Information:**

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominees: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please attach a copy of the students' transcripts to this application, as well as any other supporting materials, which might aid the council in making its determination as to the worthiest recipients.

**Answer the following questions in narrative form on a separate sheet of paper:**

*What are your post-secondary educational plans/career goals?*

*Name the school organizations/activities in which you have participated.*

*Name the volunteer/community activities in which you have participated.*

*Please describe any activities demonstrating support of women. Please be specific.*

*Other pertinent information you would like to include supporting your nomination.*

*You may wish to include your family life. (Members of the family with whom you reside, culture, family traditions, personal obstacles overcome, etc.)*

**Celeste Arties Memorial Award Essay:**

In 750 words typed and double-spaced on separate paper, please create an essay in response to the following question:

*If you could have dinner with any woman in the past, present or future, who would she be and why?*

**Elizabeth Coleman White STEM Studies Award Essay:**

In 750 words typed and double-spaced on separate paper, please create an essay in response to the following question:

*What field of study in STEM are you hoping to pursue and why do you have an interest in this field of study?*

## **Alice Paul Champion Award Essay:**

In 750 words typed and double-spaced on separate paper, please create an essay in response to the following question:

**Alice Paul was a fierce advocate of women's equality issues, particularly the right to vote and gender equality guaranteed by the Constitution. Today women have the right to vote, however equality has not been fully achieved. What issue affecting women (examples below) is the most important to you and what would be your plan to address it?**

1. *Pay Equity*
2. *Family Medical Leave*
3. *Violence against women*
4. *The disproportionate representation of women in elected office*
5. *Passage of the Equal Rights Amendment*

The Alice Paul Champion Award is given in partnership with the Alice Paul Institute. For more information on the Institute and their programs please visit <https://www.alicepaul.org/>

***Award presentations: Our ceremony date will be in June 2019.***