

THE CONNECTING WOMEN IN BUSINESS GO Grant Program for Girls

Connecting Women in Business (CWIB), a niche group of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, is proud to announce the launch of its GO Grants for Girls on February 1, 2017.

Formed in 2007, Connecting Women in Business provides opportunities for area women business leaders and business owners to learn, form connections, share ideas, and find personal and professional growth. The key purposes of CWIB include:

- Provide professional development and leadership training;
- Strengthen and market area businesses;
- Offer networking toward strategic alliances, affiliations and business opportunities;
- Mentoring and support; and
- Provide opportunities for girls to dream big, thereby improving self-esteem and leadership.

It is through the last goal listed above that CWIB created GO Grants for Girls in 2007. GO Grants, or Girls Outreach Grants, will reach out to young girls in our area who have an idea and passion to try something new. Grants will range from \$100 to \$500, and can be used as resources in any field of endeavor.

The purpose of the grants is to provide small grants to girls in grades 6 to 10 in the Char-Em ISD service area of Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties. These grants will allow the applicant to pursue a special interest gain or improve a skill, participate in an outdoor experience and more. We encourage applications that will be challenging to the applicant.

Girls will be required to work with an adult mentor – a relative outside of the immediate family, teacher, youth pastor, social worker, etc. – who will help them fill out and submit the application, and will work with the girl to help her achieve her dream. The mentor will also work with each girl to submit her final report on her completed activity and what it meant to her.

The ideal applicants are girls who have not received awards for outstanding achievements. CWIB is seeking girls who do not ordinarily apply for awards. We are looking for under-represented girls who need more support to realize their potential. Girls need to clearly state their financial need, as well as describe a special interest that will spark their imagination, creativity, or follow a dream that they may not imagine possible.

It is important that the girls and their mentor fill out the application completely, answering all questions. Incomplete applications will be rejected. Please read the rules and guidelines on the application carefully. Application and background information is available at <http://www.petoskeychamber.com/pages/connecting-women-in-business> or by visiting www.petoskeychamber.com, click on programs and services, and the Connecting Women in Business logo. Applications must be delivered to the chamber office or postmarked by March 31, 2017.

Together we can help girls fulfill their dreams, and reinforce their importance to our community.



GO GRANT APPLICATION

GIRLS OUTREACH GRANTS

Application deadline is March 31, 2017, for Summer 2017 Activities

Please send, e-mail, fax, or complete the application online, and include or attach additional support materials.

**Mailing address: Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, GO Grants for Girls
401 E. Mitchell Street, Petoskey, MI 49770**

E-mail address: lisa@petoskeychamber.com

Fax number: 231-348-1810

Online application address: <http://www.petoskeychamber.com/pages/connecting-women-in-business>

Girls Outreach Grants (GO Grants) are for individual girls with an idea and passion to try something new, improve a skill, attend camp, take lessons and more, but who may need some financial help and encouragement from caring adults.



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Grant Selection Criteria

- **Girls in grades 6 through 10**, in Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties.
- **Applicant responses** are to be written by the girl and should include information regarding how she'll benefit from participating in the activity.
- **Mentor's involvement**, including monitoring applicant responses to ensure adequate information is given, and applications are completed in full.
- **Mentor recommendations and insights**, including generalized information demonstrating applicant need that meets with the GO Grant mission.
- **Each section of the application must be completed** or the application will be rejected.

Grant Details

- Each girl is eligible to receive one grant in her lifetime
- Grants range from \$50 to \$500
- Grant awards are determined by a GO Grant selection committee
- Grant recipients (and dollar amounts) are notified in writing
- GO grant committee decisions are final
- Grant checks are made payable to the organization or individual providing the activity
- Checks will be written by April 14, 2017 for summer 2017 activities

Grants will not be awarded

- For incomplete or incorrect applications
- For activities that start before the application deadline
- As a reimbursement for fees already paid by applicant/parent



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Section I - Applicant and Activity Information

- This section must be completed by the girl applying for a GO Grant

Applicant Name _____

Address _____

City _____, MI Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

School _____ Grade (circle one) 6 7 8 9 10

Applicant's mentor _____

Applicant's relationship to mentor _____

Grant request activity (e.g. piano lessons, summer camp)

Date(s) of activity _____ Registration fee due date _____

Organization providing activity _____

Grant request amount (\$500 max) _____ Projected total activity cost _____

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

Section II – Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



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Section III – Applicant Questions

- Questions must be answered by the applicant
- Have your mentor look over your answers before submitting
- We welcome both typed and handwritten responses

1. What do you hope to learn from or accomplish with your request activity?

2. Who is supporting you in pursuit of this activity?



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Section IV – Mentor Information

- Mentors can be a teacher, social worker or counselor, an adult friend of the child and family, a youth director from your place of worship
- The mentor cannot be immediate family or the activity provider

Mentor Name _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

Position/Title _____

Address _____

City _____, MI Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Mentor's Signature _____ Date _____

Your answer to each question is very important to the selection committee for evaluating the application. Please provide complete answers. If you are a mentor for more than one applicant, please complete a separate and specific response for each girl, as each application is viewed independently. Typing and attaching your responses will be appreciated.

Mentor Questions:

1. Why is this experience important to the applicant?
2. Are there any circumstances that would make this grant particularly valuable to the applicant? Family issues, esteem issues, academic challenges, etc.? Please explain.
3. Does the applicant have a known financial need for this grant? Please discuss how significant the financial need is for her family/living situation.



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Section V – Organization Providing the Activity

- Checks are made payable to this organization for the activity.
- Checks are not made payable to the grant recipient, her parent or guardian.

Name of Organization Providing the Activity _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Contact Person _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Section VI – Proof of Cost

- If your request is for an activity through an organization

Attach a page from the organization’s printed material that shows the activity’s cost

- If your request is for lessons from a private teacher

How many minutes is each lesson? _____

How many lessons will the grant cover? _____

- If the cost of your activity is more than your grant request

How much additional money do you need? _____

How much have you earned thus far? _____

What is your plan to raise the additional funds? _____

Note: Funds will not be granted until applicant has secured funding to cover the entire expense.