



Scholarships

Partial and full scholarships may be available for tuition. Please enclose a letter of request with your application stating the amount requested and an explanation of your financial need. Awards are based on statement of need and the number of requests received.

The Plano Chamber of Commerce Women's Division Scholarship benefits a businesswoman working for a nonprofit.

The Will & Mary Lou Smith Scholarship benefits an established nonprofit agency.

The Andre' Davidson Scholarship benefits an individual from a small business or nonprofit organization however, it can be used for any class member that has a scholarship need.

The Debbie Weinbaum Scholarship was established by Leadership Plano graduates Karen and Richard Ranen and good friend Debbie Weinbaum to honor Debbie, a courageous cancer fighter, with a full scholarship for a member of the Leadership Plano class. Applicants are asked to complete an essay on the following topic: **Describe a time in your life where you overcame a challenge, sharing the strength it took to overcome this adversity.**

Please limit each response to no more than 250 words

The Executive Director will inform the scholarship recipients of their awards. Scholarship recipients will also be requested to sign an agreement that they may be required to repay any scholarship for failure to complete the program.

Recipients of the Will & Mary Lou Smith and Women's Division Scholarships must work for nonprofit agencies. These recipients will be informed that should they no longer meet the eligibility criteria that were in effect at the time their award was approved, they may be required to repay the scholarship amount according to the fraction of the program not completed: retreat at 20%, each class session at 10%. If payment is not received, the recipient may be asked to leave the program.

Note: When "failure to graduate or employment change" is a result of significant events (e.g., death in the family, unforeseen illness, partial disability, caring for a loved one, chronic disease, reduction in workforce, or other instances of hardship), the obligation to repay the scholarship may, at the sole discretion of the Leadership Plano Board, be waived by the Board.

Leadership Plano Board of Directors has the right to make decisions regarding scholarship awards as they determine appropriate.