

NONPROFIT NOMINATION FORM

As an eligible* member of Elk Rapids Area 100 Women Who Care, I nominate the following nonprofit organization to be considered for the group's next collective donation. I understand that the following information is true to the best of my knowledge and that the donation will be used in Antrim County.

*I have made my \$100 donation for the *previous* meeting's recipient.

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

I also agree to make a 5 minute presentation using the information provided below at the group's next meeting.

Email *

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MY NAME *

Pam Singer

ORGANIZATION NAME *

Antrim Women's Alliance - Antrim Scholars

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE AND/OR FACEBOOK PAGE *

antrimwomensalliance.org and facebook.com/AntrimWomensAlliance1

MISSION/PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION *

Purpose of the Antrim Women's Alliance (AWA) is: • To provide financial support to non-profit organizations in Antrim County. • To provide community service where needed, this year we provided over 3,000 service hours in Antrim County • To provide scholarship opportunities for students in Antrim County. • To unite its members in friendship and fellowship

WHEN WAS THE ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED? *

2020

SERVICE AREA THE ORGANIZATION SERVES (MUST INCLUDE ANTRIM COUNTY) *

Antrim County

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION BUDGET AND PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCES *

Budget Antrim Scholars 2025-26 \$23,950 for Junior and Senior program • 5% Program Supports (marketing, job shadow, internship and mentor support, office supplies) • 39% Educational Supports (SAT, essay, tutoring) • 18% Career & College Experience (college visit, college camps, internships, job shadows) • 15% Application Fees • 21% Scholarships .

It is important to note that the cost per student varies over time, with higher expenses incurred during the high school years, when programming is most intensive. As students transition into college, the cost structure adjusts accordingly, focusing more on mentorship, retention support, and scholarships. If we receive the 100 Women Who Care Collective Giving dollars, we will be expanding the number of students we serve and the budget will reflect that expansion.

Annual organization budget narrative: AWA was established in 2020. Our budget has grown to well over \$20,000 annually from various fundraisers. AWA received no government grants or foundation grants to date. AWA provides funding to various 501c3's to address the many unmet needs in Antrim County. AWA started the Antrim Scholar college access program in October of 2024 dedicating \$2,000 to this program annually. The remainder of the \$23,950 Scholar budget is raised separate from AWA's general fund. If we were to get the 100 Women Who Care - Elk Rapids donation, 100% of the donation would be dedicated to the Scholar program. *A copy of the AWA Organizational Budget can be provided on request.

WHAT COMMUNITY NEED WOULD OUR DONATION HELP MEET? *

Post Secondary access and attainment of low-income and/or first-generation students in Antrim County. Poverty continues to persist as a primary barrier to post-secondary access and attainment in and around Antrim County Public Schools (2022-23 Mi School Data) have a staggering amount of economically disadvantaged students (eligible for free or reduced-price meals): 85% (11) Alba, 79% (15) Central Lake, 78% (41) Mancelona, 57% (13) Ellsworth, 53% (11) Bellaire, and 35% (30) Elk Rapids.

My Why: You grow up in a community where students don't go to college and parents don't have a college degree, there's a tendency for kids to follow the same path. Central Lake High School, one of many rural schools in Antrim County, graduates about 20 students a year. The student body consists of 79% economically disadvantaged students. In 2024, only one student went to a 4-year college or university.

Common statements our students have heard throughout their life include "College is too expensive", "we can't afford it", "going in debt for college is a bad idea". Yes, parents are concerned about finances. While these statements come from a place of love and concern for their children's future, they often create a sense of hopelessness, and ultimately discourage their kids in pursuing their dreams, believing that higher education isn't an option for them.

PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF HOW OUR GIFT WOULD BE UTILIZED. INCLUDE A SPECIFIC DOLLAR ESTIMATE AND TIMING OF IMPLEMENTATION.

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What Antrim Scholars does: Targets low-income or first-generation students in Antrim County, offering... 1. College Preparation (essay writing, college exploration, applications, college visit, job shadows, internships) 2. Mentors to and through college (6-year commitment) 3. Access and Resources (SAT prep, study skills, leadership skills, and resume writing, tutoring, technology) 4. Scholarships (Support finding scholarships and financial aid & \$1,000 scholarship at program completion) 5. Collaboration (Scholar, School, Parent, Mentor, Scholar Committee)

Our proposal:

From 5 to 43: A Year of Youth Empowerment. Your donation will allow us to expand Antrim Scholars, thanks to expanding partnerships, dedicated volunteers, and a proven approach, we will increase capacity by 760%. A 100 Women Who Care - Elk Rapids collective giving of nearly \$33,000 will: double Junior admissions from 5 to 11 and enable us to add earlier programming for 15 Freshmen and 23 Sophomores. The 100 Women Who Care donation would allow us to expand the Antrim Scholar program beyond its 2024-25 pilot, to include freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes while providing ongoing support to graduating Scholars in college. Additionally, the funds will allow us to begin planning for the expansion of the Scholar Program to neighboring schools within Antrim County. The 100 Women Who Care donation could also act as the matching fund requirement for a Michigan College Access Network Grant we have applied for, thus expanding the impact of the 100 Women Who Care. The timeframe for use of the 100 Women Who Care donation would be for the 2026 and 2027 years. Year 1 2026 o Juniors (induction, SAT prep., essay writing, college visit, summer opportunity) o Seniors (application process, finding financial aid, graduation transition, scholarship) o Mentor matches for Scholars o Scholarship assistance and \$1,000 scholarship (seniors) Year 2 2027 All of the above while adding: o Freshman Class o Sophomore Class o Freshman College (mentors, check-in, support).

As noted in the organizational budget section, It is important to note that the cost per student varies over time, with higher expenses incurred during the high school years, when programming is most intensive. As students transition into college, the cost structure adjusts accordingly, focusing more on mentorship, retention support, and scholarships. If we receive the 100 Women Who Care Collective Giving dollars, we will be expanding the number of students we serve and the budget will reflect that expansion.

Our Outcomes: • Parents and Scholars discuss post-secondary goals regularly, facilitated by the Scholar Committee • All Scholars use the common application process • Scholars rate workshops and activities as “good” to “excellent.” • Scholars feel more prepared to build college lists and more confident applying to colleges • Over 10 job shadows, paid internships and career opportunities organized • Mentorship is the most valued aspect of the program.

MY RELATIONSHIP/EXPERIENCE WITH THIS ORGANIZATION ★

I am the Vice President of Antrim Women's Alliance and a founding member of the Antrim Scholar college access program.

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You may provide one additional document that helps support your request. Just email the document to 100womenelkrapids@gmail.com, being sure to identify it as supporting a specific nomination, and it will be attached to this Nonprofit Nomination Form for viewing by our members on our website.

In the interest of brevity, please limit document length to two pages. Longer documents may not be posted.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Please complete information below that will be used for communication and funding purposes. It does NOT have to be included in your presentation.

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INITIAL SUBMISSION DATE *

MM DD YYYY

11 / 25 / 2025

REVISION DATE (Please provide this date for every revision you make. Use the "Initial Submission Date" above if this is your Initial Submission.) *

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FORM SUBMISSION

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Any questions, email 100womenelkrapids@gmail.com

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