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HALL OF FAME

## The Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame

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### Ella T. Grasso Leadership in Action Grant Application

#### ABOUT THE HALL

The Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame (CWHF) is an educational outreach organization whose mission is to **honor** publicly the achievements of Connecticut women, **preserve** their stories, **educate** the public, and **inspire** the continued achievements of women and girls. Founded in 1994 in Hartford, the Hall fills the void that traditional curricula still fail to address and today stands as the state's premier source for Connecticut women's history.

The CWHF's first induction ceremony, held May 19, 1994 at the Wadsworth Atheneum, recognized the achievements of 46 women, 36 posthumously. It established a tradition to be followed in the years to come: revisiting the contributions of well-known women, uncovering important stories that had been forgotten or overlooked, and acknowledging the special contributions of those who blazed new trails in their chosen fields of endeavor. These women's lives and accomplishments are the foundation of all of the CWHF's year-round programming, from traveling exhibits and a speaker's bureau to the Connecticut Women's Heritage Trail and a Curriculum Project.

*Ella Tambussi Grasso, the first woman governor in the U.S. to be elected in her own right, was inducted into the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame in 1994 to honor her extraordinary life of public service. To keep her spirit alive, from 2004 to 2008 the Hall hosted hundreds of Connecticut high school students at the Ella Tambussi Grasso Youth Action Conference, a one-day symposium at the State Capitol designed to introduce students to specific tools for civic engagement. In 2011, the Hall created The Ella T. Grasso Leadership in Action Grant Program to help Connecticut college students design and implement projects that directly address current community needs. For more detailed information on Ella T. Grasso please visit her biography page on our website [www.cwhf.org/inductees/politics-government-law/ella-tambussi-grasso](http://www.cwhf.org/inductees/politics-government-law/ella-tambussi-grasso).*

#### ABOUT THE GRANT

In 2012, CWHF will offer one grant, which will be awarded to a young woman entering her junior or senior year at a Connecticut college or university, her second year of study at one of Connecticut's community colleges, or enrolled in a graduate program at a Connecticut college or university. The grant will fund or partially fund a community action project that impacts or raises awareness of an important community issue. **The grantee will receive \$ 2,500.** The Hall believes that there is no better way to learn leadership skills than by developing and implementing a project plan. Additionally, we know that our youth have the potential to find creative new ways to address community issues and serious problems. With this in mind, our goal is to provide opportunities for

college students to have real-world leadership-in-training experiences that foster social change. What a wonderful way to keep Grasso's vision alive!

Grant recipients design and implement a community action project from start to finish. While a faculty advisor/sponsor's involvement will be required, it is the student who will develop the specifics of the project, outline goals and objectives for its outcomes, put together a plan for its implementation, create budgets and timelines, follow through with the project's implementation, and report on successes, failures, and the true impact of the project on the community.

### ***Who is eligible?***

To be eligible for consideration, the applicant must be a woman entering her junior or senior year at a Connecticut college or university, in her second year at one of Connecticut's community colleges, or enrolled in a graduate program at a Connecticut college or university. Applicants should be intending to carry out a community action project in Connecticut during the 2013 calendar year. Applicants are eligible regardless of their primary area of study.

### ***What kinds of projects are eligible?***

Any community action, community service, or community outreach project is eligible for consideration. Possible examples include educational programs, in the community or on the campus; programs affiliated with a community service/non-profit organization (e.g. women's shelter, crisis pregnancy center, Planned Parenthood); literacy projects; summer projects with elementary/middle/high school age students, Girl Scouts, etc.; field studies (for academic credit or otherwise) focusing on an issue affecting the community. Preference will be given to projects focusing on serving women or raising awareness of women's issues.

### ***Interim and Follow-Up Reporting***

Each grant recipient will be required to present her project and its final results to a special committee composed of CWHF staff, Board of Trustee members, and/or representatives from CWHF sponsoring organizations. In addition to final reporting, interim progress reports will be required with the schedule for these reports to be determined based on the timeline submitted for the project.

Electronic versions of the project and results reports will be archived on the CWHF website to serve as a resource for future students and researchers. The project must be completed and its resultant reports submitted to CWHF no later than one year from the grant award (e.g. The 2012 grants will be awarded at the CWHF's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction Ceremony and Celebration on October 18, 2012 and projects must be completed and submitted by October 31, 2013).

## HOW TO APPLY

Complete the attached application and cover sheet and mail to the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame or e-mail to [grants@cw hf.org](mailto:grants@cw hf.org). Applications must be received no later than **July 15, 2012**. Incomplete applications cannot be accepted. Please call (203)392-9007 with any questions.

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## Required Application Materials

Please Provide the Following Required Materials:

1. Full narrative description of the proposed project including discussion of the following (500-1000 words) :
  - How does this project fill a void you see in the community?
  - What are your objectives?
  - What experiences do you bring to the project that will contribute to its success?
  - How will you measure the impact of your project?
2. Timeline for completion of the project
3. Detailed project budget, including any other potential sources of funds outside from this grant application (if any)
4. Two letters of recommendation, one from your faculty advisor/sponsor and one from another reference who can speak to your experiences (academic, volunteer, or other) and preparedness to complete the project as well as the project's likelihood of success.
5. Official copy of your academic transcript(s) from a Connecticut college or university

*At the discretion of the CWHF, its Board, and sponsoring partners, applicants selected for final consideration may be asked for an in-person/telephone interview prior to grant awards. Awards will be presented at the CWHF's Annual Induction Ceremony on October 18, 2012. Attendance of grant recipients is expected at the event.*



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## ELLA T. GRASSO LEADERSHIP IN ACTION GRANT APPLICATION COVER SHEET

PROJECT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

### APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name:

E-mail:

Phone:

Mailing Address:

College/University:

Major/Department:

Academic Advisor:

Advisor's E-Mail:

Advisor's Phone:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT (100 WORDS OR LESS):

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

\_\_\_ COMPLETE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_ 2 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

\_\_\_ TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION

\_\_\_ TRANSCRIPT(S)

\_\_\_ DETAILED BUDGET

**COMPLETE AND MAIL BY JULY 15, 2012 TO:**

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**OR E-MAIL TO: GRANTS@CWHF.ORG**