

Fairy Godmothers

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Local organization offers new grant assists local women with education costs

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MANHATTAN, KANSAS - The Fairy Godmothers, a local organization known for “women helping women,” introduced a new grant in the 2018 calendar year. This grant, known as the HUG or Hand Up Grant was made available to female students who live in Manhattan or Riley County and have been accepted to or enrolled at Manhattan Area Technical College, Manhattan Christian College or Bellus Academy.

The grant can be used toward tuition, books and other necessities related to their educational expenses. This grant is intended to empower women to earn their certification or degree and through that, lead to financial independence through education.

Judy Regehr, Fairy Godmothers Grants co-chair, announced the recipient of the first HUG was Jennifer Garrett of Manhattan. Garrett was recommended for this award through partner agency Shepherd’s Crossing. Garrett applied for the grant, was interviewed by a committee of Fairy Godmothers and deemed to be an excellent candidate for the award. The gift was awarded in August of this year.

Fairy Godmothers’ Board Chairwoman, Tara Claycamp stated, “We’re incredibly pleased to be able to offer this new grant opportunity through our organization. The HUG can be up to \$3,000 per applicant, and for students, that can make such a difference in their ability to financially manage their educational expenses.

“We are so excited to be working with Jennifer this academic year, and we look forward to seeing the impact that the Hand Up Grant may have in her life as well as the lives of future recipients. Education is often the first step toward financial independence and security, and if we can give these women a hand up, we will!”

“As part of the grant, the Fairy Godmothers assign a mentor to each HUG recipient who meets with her regularly to help guide her through her academic experience. The mentor is an expert in the same career field as the candidate’s major who can offer advice and guidance on a variety of topics,” said Claycamp.

She noted, “If someone wishes to apply for this grant or would like to recommend a candidate, they need to contact our partner agency, Shepherd’s Crossing at 785-7761470 to get an application and learn about eligibility. There are some restrictions to eligibility.”

For more information about the Hand Up Grant, please visit <https://www.fgfund.org/who-we-are> or call 785-776-1470. All applications must go through Fairy Godmothers partner agency, Shepherd’s Crossing in order to be considered. For more information about the Fairy Godmothers and the other grants they offer, please visit www.fgfund.org

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