

The SUNSHINE LADY Foundation, Inc.

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Attached is the resolution our Foundation filed with the IRS regarding the “charitable adjunct assistance” grants we make as needed to women who are eligible for our “Women’s Independence Scholarship Program” (WISP) awards. The resolution is not very specific, so here are some more details.

The primary point to understand is that our program grants two types of awards. One type is true scholarship funds, and is called “Scholarship” awards. These awards are sent directly to the educational institutions and are to be used for tuition, fees, and necessary books and materials. The second type, “Charitable Adjunct Assistance” awards are made to assist with necessary expenses that indirectly relate to a woman’s ability to attend and finish school.

The Charitable Adjunct Assistance awards are related to the woman’s and her family’s survival (such as medical expenses, food and shelter expenses), as well as to barriers that may keep her from attending class (such as child care expenses and/or transportation-related expenses). The Charitable Adjunct Assistance awards are made to women with extreme financial need, who must cover expenses that most of us would consider “ordinary”, as well as a host of “extraordinary” expenses related to financial strain arising from their previous abusive situation. Many of the “extraordinary” expenses are not the type of expenses that would be included in traditional financial aid award formulae: they may include major medical expenses for both mother and children, the expenses of creating a home from scratch after shelter or other temporary living expenses, the need to re-create transportation options, etc. One important factor is that while our funds generally are not used for legal expenses, most of our recipients are faced with ongoing legal bills that are necessary for reaching safety and custody arrangements. Their need to pay their legal bills means that they must use funds that ordinarily would be used for general living expenses: rent, utilities, etc. Again, this is a category of expenses that would not appear in traditional financial aid formulae, but do have an impact on their ability to cover expenses that are included in such formulae.

It is our understanding that the IRS looks upon our “Charitable Adjunct Assistance” awards as non-taxable, charity – not as traditional scholarship funds. We are not required to issue 1099’s or other “income” documents to our recipients.

I hope that this information is helpful to you. Please feel free to call me toll free at 866-255-7742 if you have further questions.

Sincerely yours,

Jill Tremlett Large
WISP Coordinator

RESOLUTION TO CREATE
CHARITABLE ADJUNCT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR
WOMEN'S INDEPENDENCE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

WHEREAS The Sunshine Lady Foundation, Inc. seeks to assist needy survivors of domestic violence reach financial stability and independence,

AND WHEREAS The Sunshine Lady Foundation has established a Women's Independence Scholarship Program to provide financial assistance to survivors of domestic violence who need such assistance to secure the training and education necessary to becoming financially independent,

AND WHEREAS in addition to needing funds to procure such training and education, most survivors of domestic violence do not have the financial means to provide for indirect expenses related to their pursuing training or education, such as but not limited to, child care and transportation-related expenses,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Sunshine Lady Foundation, Inc., by and through its Board of Directors, hereby establishes a program of charitable adjunct assistance for financially needy survivors of domestic violence who are recipients of the Women's Independence Scholarships and are in need of such financial assistance.

On this date _____

Signed and recorded by _____