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Aligned with a mission to serve women and men worldwide who share the common interest of supporting women in technology and encouraging young women to pursue careers in math, science and technology, the Alliance of Technology and Women (ATW) sponsors a scholarship program for women pursuing Associate's and Bachelor's programs anywhere in the United States. Recognizing the downward trend of women entering technology-focused educational opportunities, ATW seeks students focused on math, science, computer science, engineering and other technology degrees and certifications. ATW scholarships are currently \$1,000 and are unrestricted in their use. Winning applicants receive a check to be used towards the cost of tuition, books and supplies which will allow them to concentrate on their education and stay focused on their studies.

A carefully appointed ATW scholarship committee selects scholars on the basis of volunteer service, leadership activities, scholastic achievement, letters of recommendation and previous awards, among other criterion. ATW scholarships are not need-based; rather they are focused on allowing students to apply their passion for a math, science and technology education regardless of their social, financial and/or academic standing. ATW scholarships are open to first-time students, as well as adults returning to school to pursue a new career. Students with diverse levels of life experience, academic merit, age, race and religion are encouraged to apply.

A 2005 winner, Jacqueline Lou, a University of California at Berkeley student, comments that, "I have always been interested in science and technology...I have always had a lot of support in choosing my career and I hope that women feel the freedom to choose their own fields." An inspiration to all, Jacqueline plans to complete her bachelor's degree in molecular and cellular biology and later pursue a career in medicine. Wise at her young age, Jacqueline's application demonstrated genuine passion for future technological breakthroughs in medicine, as well as a strong commitment to her family and community.

In addition to collegiate scholarships, ATW hosts an executive. The Power of Self executive scholarship, valued at \$19,500, pays for a yearlong development program, with the help of Marsha Clark and Associates. The program offers women in executive roles individual coaching and challenges them to grow both personally and professionally. This program also kicks off in the Spring of each year.

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The 2006 scholarship programs open on April 15, 2006. More details can be found on the ATW website, www.ATWinternational.org, in early March. Students or executives interested in receiving an email when applications are available can send their name and email address to info@ATWinternatio nal.org with the subject line "ATW Collegiate Scholarship" or "Power of Self". Please also visit our website for events in the Silicon Valley area of if you are interested in starting a chapter in another region of California.

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