



June 2008

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Women's Institute at Omega is very happy to announce that we will be awarding a number of scholarships to **Women and Courage: *Expressing Women's Wisdom in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century***, a conference to be held September 12-14, 2008. Every year women from all over the world gather for this conference eager to share experience, expertise, wisdom, and camaraderie, and to hear from some of today's finest women leaders.

Enclosed you will find the application for this scholarship as well as details about what the scholarship includes and who is eligible. We encourage you to thoroughly read the information below before filling out an application.

### **Scholarship Details**

This scholarship will cover the following:

- Full cost of the conference
- Accommodations, if needed (shared or unshared, depending on availability; commuter scholarships also available)
- All meals
- Omega's optional classes (meditation, yoga, tai'chi, and dance) and evening performances
- Access to campus amenities like our sauna, lake, and sanctuary
- The Omega shuttle bus from New York City, if needed

### **Eligibility**

Scholarships are offered primarily to women between the ages of 18 and 29. They will be awarded to women who will bring a diversity of color, nationality, and professional experience to the event; to women who want to share the experience at home in their workplace or community; to women who would not be able to afford to attend the event without the scholarship; and to women who can commit to attending the full event.

In general, Omega considers an applicant eligible for scholarship if her income is not more than 2.5 times the Federal Poverty level as set forth in the United States Federal Guidelines. Please see the table below to determine your financial eligibility.

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Maximum Household Income</b>
1	\$24,500
2	\$33,000
3	\$41,500
4	\$50,000
5	\$58,500

### **Scholarship Determination**

Applications will be evaluated and scholarships awarded in the order received.

**Applications must be received no later than July 21, 2008.**

### **Scholarship Notification**

You will be notified by **August 15** by email or telephone whether or not you have been awarded a scholarship. Scholarship recipients must call to confirm acceptance and register for the conference no later than **August 29**. (Please understand that submitting an application for a scholarship does not register you for the course.) We want to offer this scholarship to as many women as possible. If we do not hear from you within this time frame, we may offer your scholarship to another applicant.

Again, thank you for your interest in the *Women and Courage* conference. Your application is important to us and will be carefully considered.

With my warmest regards,

Cathy Collins  
Manager  
The Women's Institute at Omega

### **Send applications:**

**By e-mail:** [scholarships@eomega.org](mailto:scholarships@eomega.org)

**By fax:** 845-266-5342

**By mail:** Marta Szabo, The Women's Institute at Omega, Omega Institute for Holistic Studies, 150 Lake Drive, Rhinebeck, New York 12572

***If you have any questions or require additional information,  
please call 845.266.4444 ext. 229***



## 2008 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (AM): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (PM): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (cell): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation (may include full-time mother, caretaker, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization's Mission: \_\_\_\_\_

### Income

#### Individual

Total Household Gross Annual Income as reported on most recent tax forms \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of people in household (as shown on tax forms) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Organization (if applicable)

Total organizational budget \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Number of employees \_\_\_\_\_

### Optional Information

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male

Age \_\_\_\_\_ 18-25 \_\_\_\_\_ 26-34 \_\_\_\_\_ 46-59 \_\_\_\_\_ 60-69 \_\_\_\_\_ 70 and over

Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_ American Indian/Alaska native \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic/Latino(a)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Asian/ Pacific Islander \_\_\_\_\_ White/Caucasian  
\_\_\_\_\_ Black/African American \_\_\_\_\_ Multi-ethnic  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

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### Accommodations

\_\_\_ I accept the accommodations available for this scholarship (see Scholarship Details).

\_\_\_ I do not need accommodations.

If I am given shared housing, the name(s) of my preferred roommate(s) is \_\_\_\_\_

*If children will be accompanying you and utilizing the Children's Program (ages 4-12 only), please list them below:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Transportation**

Omega runs a charter bus to and from Omega between New York City and the Rhinebeck campus on Fridays and Sundays. If awarded a scholarship, would you utilize this service? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no (\$70 Roundtrip. Please see scholarship details to determine if cost is part of the scholarship.)

### **Special Needs**

\_\_\_ Check here if you have any disability that affects your attendance at the event so that we may better accommodate you. An event coordinator will contact you.

Other special needs (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **Course Selection**

**Please understand that submitting an application for a scholarship does not register you for the course.**

Which scholarship are you applying for? \_\_\_\_\_

Which course or conference are you applying for?

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Course #: \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Tuition Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Materials Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

Have you ever received an Omega scholarship? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

If so, for which workshop(s) or conference(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Personal Short Answer Questions**

Please thoughtfully and concisely answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper that has your name on it.

1. Why do you want to attend \_\_\_\_\_ (name of program)?

2. How would you share or put to use what you learn at the event in your work, family, or larger community?

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I certify that all of the above information is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information will be kept strictly confidential and is only used in determining scholarship eligibility.

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**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_