



Bettie Brand Mothers' Empowerment Fund Spirit Award Applications For 2025 Are Now Open!

Since 2013, the Bettie Brand Mothers' Empowerment Fund (BBMEF) has awarded stipends (up to \$10,000) to be used within 3 years, to a Georgia woman 17 years or older who needs a hand up - not a hand out - to help her journey toward a life of independence with dignity. The BBMEF asks that Spirit Award recipients make a commitment to "pay it forward" in the future, however they are able. (Example: helping another woman in need.)

REQUIREMENTS

- A Georgia female who is 17 years or older.
- In a position for which the stipend will make a significant difference in her ability to live independently with dignity
- The stipend will be used for services, activities, and programs for self-development (e.g., tuition, certification, business equipment, school supplies/materials, work materials, etc.)
- The stipend cannot be used for rent or to buy a house, vehicle loans/rentals, food, business investments, etc.
- The stipends do not go DIRECTLY to the applicant but to that entity or service for which the stipend is being requested.
- Able to use the stipend within 3 consecutive years of receipt as long as she remains a Georgia resident during those 3 years.
- Willing to contact and send brief update on her progress to BBMEF at least once a year while receiving the stipend.
- Willing to pay it forward whenever and however she is able.

APPLICATION

- There are two forms that must be completed for a woman to be considered for an award stipend. One is a Partner Organization Recommendation form, to be completed by an organization such as yours. The other is a Candidate Application form, to be completed by the candidate herself. Both of these forms will be available at <https://www.bettiebrand.org/application> during the open application period from **August 15 through November 15, 2024.**