



“SPIRIT AWARD” - CANDIDATE APPLICATION

Each year the Bettie Brand Mothers’ Empowerment Fund (BBMEF) awards grants (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).

Directions: Please fill out Part A (Current Information) and Part B (Essay and How The Award Will Be Used) of this application as honestly and completely as possible. Email the completed application with a headshot photo to: Spirit.Award@bettiebrand.org, no later than **November 15, 2024. Thank you!**

PART A: CURRENT INFORMATION

First and Last Name:	
Home Address:	
Mailing Address (if different):	
Contact phone number:	
Email Address:	
Date of Birth:	
Age:	
Race:	
Yearly Income level (Check one):	Less than \$10,000
	\$10,001-20,000
	\$20,001-40,000
	More than \$40,000
Other financial support (if applicable, list each source and the approximate amount):	
Marital Status:	
Number of Children and/or Dependents:	

The Spirit Award application is also available as an online form on our website at:

The Bettie Brand Mothers’ Empowerment Fund (<https://www.bettiebrand.org/application>)



Ages of Children and/or Dependents (if applicable):

Current Employer:

Job Title (if applicable):

The Nominating Partner Organization Name and the Name of the Nominating Individual:

The applicant is requested to email a recent headshot photo (if available) with your completed application to Spirit.Award@bettiebrand.org.

By submitting this application, you agree that, if selected as a Spirit Award recipient, the Bettie Brand Mothers' Empowerment Fund is hereby permitted to use your name, picture, and story shared for inspirational, advertising, and fundraising purposes on any platforms or websites maintained the organization. The applicant understands that the Bettie Brand Spirit Award funds can only be applied to services, activities, programs, etc. that are intended to further the self-development of the applicant and may not be used for the benefit of persons other than the applicant. **Bettie Brand reserves the right to refuse or limit use of the award funds to purposes which it deems meet the award criteria. The Bettie Brand Mothers' Empowerment Fund Spirit Award grant may ONLY be used within the state of Georgia.**

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Applicant's Signature

PART B: ESSAY

In 500 words or less, answer the following two questions: 1) How will receiving a financial award from Bettie Brand make a positive impact in your life AND, 2) Why you are one of the best candidates for the Bettie Brand Mothers' Empowerment Fund Spirit Award.

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PART B: How The Award Will Be Used

Please indicate specifically how the award fund will be used, in as much budgetary detail as possible. For example, if the funds will be used to pay tuition, indicate the specific course(s), the providing institution and cost. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The Spirit Award funds cannot be used to pay for rent; for vehicle loans, purchases, or rentals; for food purchases; or, for ANY items that do not promote the self-development of the applicant.

Stipends do not go **DIRECTLY** to the applicant but to the entity or service for which the stipend is being requested. You may email Spirit.Award@BettieBrand.org if you have questions about whether a proposed use qualifies.

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