



behind closed doors

behind closed doors *luminaries*

SCHOLARSHIP

Luminary..... an achiever, star and leading light

The *behind closed doors luminaries* scholarship offers female leaders of the future the opportunity to further expand their leadership and management skills.

The scholarship takes the form of an annual membership in the behind closed doors luminaries program run in South Australia valued at \$5,040.00 plus GST.

The *behind closed doors luminaries* program was created in response to a need for young professional women to have a support network where they can discuss professional and personal issues and challenges in a totally confidential environment, while at the same time encourage each other to extend themselves further to achieve and succeed in new environments.

The program's objectives aim to

- Deliver practical management and leadership sessions to generate better leaders.
- Provide a confidential professional women's support network.
- To extend individuals personally and professionally.
- Encourage and support members to nominate for Board and committee positions.
- Mentor peers to accept greater professional challenges and roles.
- Assist members to participate in awards programs such as the Telstra Business Women's Awards.
- Increase the calibre and expertise of female managers and leaders within organisations.
- To provide a clear development path for women moving through to executive roles.

The winner of the scholarship will be assigned to a *behind closed doors luminaries* group facilitated by one of South Australia's leading businesswomen, Linda Bowes. Linda's career spans senior management and chief executive roles in marketing, real estate, local government, the wine industry and the arts and she has served as a non-executive director on numerous boards and committees which has equipped her with a wealth of knowledge, skills and life experiences.

The group meets 10 times a year from February to November with the first session commencing on Thursday 23 February 2012. Each session runs for three hours from 12pm to 3pm at a Boardroom located in the city and includes a light lunch. (Program timetable for 2012 is attached)

The winner of the *behind closed doors luminaries* scholarship will also receive:

- Automatic inclusion into the BoardDirect register www.dwbottomline.com/boarddirect.htm
- Access to a select executive women's network
- Professional and personal development in a stimulating environment
- Exposure and introductions to senior people in business and government
- Private sessions with local identities and guest speakers
- Opportunities to discuss professional and personal challenges and strategies in a supportive women's forum
- Invitations to Quarterly Businesswomen's Connexions (network) functions hosted and supported by Telstra
- Opportunities for Board Directorships

Eligibility

The *behind closed doors luminaries* program is designed for businesswomen leaders of the future who are aspiring to move into executive management positions and/or female business owners who are leading a team of employees. To be eligible, you must currently be in a functional leadership role or people management role and can demonstrate:

- Leadership ability and exceptional teamwork
- Why the scholarship will benefit you
- How the scholarship will benefit your organisation and/or business

Application

To apply for the *behind closed doors luminaries* scholarship, please express in 500 words or less, your suitability to the above eligibility and attach to your application, a one-page curriculum vitae.

You are invited to submit your application to Debra Long, Program Manager, *behind closed doors luminaries* via email to: debra@dwbottomline.com or by Post to behind closed doors, PO Box 8345, Station Arcade, Adelaide SA 5000 by 5pm, Thursday 19 January 2012.

Announcement

Finalists will be notified by 1 February 2012 and interviews will commence 6 February 2012. The winner of the *behind closed doors luminaries* scholarship will be contacted by Monday, 13 February 2012 and the presentation will be made at the behind closed doors "Back to Business" dinner on Thursday 16 February 2012.

The winner must be

- Open to receiving publicity for winning the Scholarship
- Be available to commence the *behind closed doors luminaries* scholarship on 23 February 2012.

Enquiries

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