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## Linda Lael Miller Launches 2005 Scholarships for Women

### ***New York Times Bestselling Novelist Puts Her Money Where Her Heart Is***

Scottsdale, AZ -- Although she is a ***New York Times bestselling author of western romantic fiction, Linda Lael Miller*** knows what it's like to be down and out. To be a young, single mother who dreams of improving her lot in life but with meager financial resources to pursue her goals.

That's why the Arizona author of more than 60 novels once again is putting her pocketbook where her heart is. With ***McKetrick's Choice***, her first hardcover for HQN Books, due to arrive in bookstores across the country soon, Linda is launching round five in her Linda Lael Miller Scholarships for Women competition. In the program, which she personally funds, Linda annually awards \$5000 in scholarships to women. The recipients are generally age 25 and older, women who traditionally experience difficulty qualifying for financial grants.

In order to apply, an applicant writes an essay about her educational goals and the difficulties she has encountered achieving them. Winners may use their scholarship monies not only for tuition and books, but also for childcare, transportation or any other education-related expense that will enable them to leap the barriers keeping them from building a better life for themselves and their families.

"My philosophy is, 'Educate a woman, impact endless future generations,'" Linda

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said, from the horse property outside Scottsdale, AZ, where she writes her bestselling novels. “Each of these scholarships will have a long-lasting effect on the recipient’s family and will help demonstrate to their children and to their children’s children that a woman can overcome adversity and succeed, through education.”

Linda, too, continues to be eager to learn. After attending the Scottsdale, AZ Citizens Academy sponsored by that city’s police department, she recently enrolled in the University of Phoenix’s Criminal Justice curriculum. The author’s goal: to become a volunteer victims’ advocate in her community.

Meanwhile, Linda continues to write novels about women who succeed despite overwhelming odds, women like those who win her scholarships. “There are so many women out there who just need a little boost to set them on the way to a better life for themselves and their children. I know I can’t help them all, but I can help some,” Linda said. “I can show them that someone cares.”

The application form and rules will be posted on [www.lindalaelmiller.com](http://www.lindalaelmiller.com) on May 20, 2005 and are available by writing Linda Lael Miller Scholarships for Women, c/o Nancy Berland Public Relations, 1437 NW 40<sup>th</sup> St., Oklahoma City, OK 73118.

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