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**Linda Lael Miller Launches 2010 Scholarships for Women**  
***New York Times* Bestselling Novelist Helps Women Create a New Story for their Lives**

Spokane, WA – As the *New York Times* bestselling author of more than 80 novels, Linda Lael Miller knows about crafting an amazing story. She also knows about rewriting her personal life story. Once upon a time, Miller struggled as a young, single mother with limited financial resources.

With perseverance and the support of family, Miller edited her life story to become one of dreams fulfilled. Ten years ago, Miller decided to offer other women the opportunity to write their own new story and has offered the scholarship program each year.

“I feel so privileged to be able to do something to help women meet their educational and life goals,” said Miller, who funds the scholarship program from her speaking engagements and book-related income.

This year, the Linda Lael Miller Scholarships for Women will award \$15,000, an increase from \$10,000 awarded last year, in scholarships to women 25 years or older who have a difficult time finding scholarships for which they qualify. As in previous years, the funds may be used not only for tuition and books, but also for child care, transportation and other expenses not covered by traditional scholarships. Miller’s intention for the scholarship program is to help women leap the barriers keeping them from building a better life for themselves and their families.

“My philosophy is, ‘Educate a women, impact endless generations,’” said Miller from her home in Spokane, WA, where she writes. “Each scholarship will have a long-lasting impact on the recipients’ families by demonstrating to their children and their children’s children that a woman can overcome adversity and succeed through education.”

To apply, an applicant submits an application and writes an essay about her educational and career goals and the difficulties she has encountered achieving them. Last year, more than 1,700 women applied, sharing their stories, hopes and dreams. Applicants have from May 25, 2010, through 5 p.m. CST Sept. 1, 2010, to turn in applications and essays.

“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,” said Miller. “I know I can’t help them all, but I can help some. I can show them that someone cares.”

Find the 2010 Linda Lael Miller Scholarships for Women application form and rules at [www.LindaLaelMiller.com](http://www.LindaLaelMiller.com). Or to request information, write to 2010 Linda Lael Miller Scholarships for Women, Nancy Berland Public Relations, 2816 N.W. 57<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 101, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

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