

**Bonnie Ottino  
Education Memorial Award**

**COVER SHEET**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position in Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Years at Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant Date

***If you are not an agency principal, please have your supervisor sign below.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Agency Principal Date

***Please mail completed cover sheet and application form to:***

**I/AACCC  
Attn: Scholarship  
Post Office Box 5362  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
Phone: (925)932-2424  
Fax: (925) 947-2190**

## **Bonnie Ottino Education Memorial Award**

The Independent Insurance Agents of Contra Costa County, in conjunction with IBA West, have established this scholarship award in an effort to perpetuate the memory of Bonnie Ottino. Bonnie worked for IIABC, the precursor of IBA West, for 30+ years, serving as Executive Director until her retirement in 1984. She then filled that same position for the Independent Insurance Agents of Contra Costa County until 1994. During her long and varied insurance career, Bonnie was a staunch advocate of professional women in the insurance industry. She led by example, providing a model of hard work and the highest standards of professionalism. Bonnie passed away in 1995.

### **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

#### **Objective:**

The Bonnie Ottino Education Memorial Award was established with several objectives in mind:

- 1) To assist insurance professionals in reaching a higher level of performance through professional education.
- 2) To assist agencies with the sometimes unaffordable professional development costs and thereby contributing to their ability to provide continuing education to employees.
- 3) To enhance the knowledge of agency employees so that they, in turn, will contribute to their association and the insurance profession as a whole.

#### **Eligibility:**

A \$500.00 award will be offered by IBA West and IIAACCC so that an insurance professional can attend courses offered by IBA West, NAIW, or the American Society. The following criteria must be met:

- 1) Applicants must be employed on a full-time basis and have worked for the member agency or company for a minimum of one year as of the date of application.
- 2) Applicant will incur education expenses which are not reimbursable from applicant's employing agency.

Scholarships will be awarded to persons involved in IBA West and/or NAIW activities and employed in the property/casualty insurance industry, who are residents of any state in which IBA West is active. Persons enrolled in an accredited college or university who are pursuing a degree in insurance and are residents of one of those states may also be considered.

**Description of Award:**

A \$500.00 award will be offered by IBA West and IIAACCC. Where possible, the award will be in the form of a voucher redeemable by the authorized vendor of an accredited course in insurance.

**Responsibilities of Recipient:**

Award recipients must attend the full course undertaken and receive a passing grade or continuing education credits. The award is not transferable.

**Selection:**

To assure the objectivity of the selection process, application content should not reveal the identity of the applicant or the identity of applicant's employer. This information should be included only on the application cover sheet. Judges will be given blind numbered applications. Judging will be done by members of the Board of IIAACCC. The award winner will be notified by telephone no later than July 1. The award will be presented at the closing session of the IBA West California Convention.

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**APPLICATION FORM**

*Deadline for Entries – July 1*

***Please answer all questions (1 – 6) as completely as possible. Feel free to attach additional pages if necessary.***

1) Briefly describe your current job responsibilities and your insurance background.

2) What course or seminar do you plan to attend if you are the award winner?

3) How will that course benefit your career?

