The Connie Lieding Scholarship Fund is dedicated to the memory of Ms. Connie Lieding who worked at the Crittenton agency in Charleston, South Carolina. Connie’s daughter Beth recalls her mother talking about the girls with respect and genuine affection. “My mother admired the will and determination of the young ladies to make their lives better and to change for the sake of their children. She wanted them to know they could make it on their own.”

Though Connie was not able to complete her own college education she realized that education could have a major impact on the lives of young women and that it was their most likely route to long-term economic security. In 2011 Connie’s daughter, Beth Burrell established The Connie Lieding Scholarship Fund in her mother’s honor to provide educational support through scholarships to young women who successfully complete their programs at Crittenton agencies across the country.

On an annual basis The Connie Lieding Scholarship Fund will award funds to young women between the ages of 16-27. Awards from $100 – $3,000 can be used to support young women in obtaining a GED, attending a vocational program, two- or four year-college or university for undergraduate or graduate study. Funds can be used to cover the cost of tuition and to purchase books and supplies.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:**
Applicants may apply for a scholarship for their Summer 2019 or Fall 2019 term/semester.

**GUIDELINES:**
- Must be a current or former client of a Crittenton agency who is a young woman/woman between the ages of 16-27. (This does not include children of former clients.)
- Must have proof of acceptance or enrollment to a vocational program, college or university or an accredited GED program.
- Must have a letter of support from a Crittenton agency Executive Director or Program Director.
- Must have a letter of support from a teacher, mentor, or community member. (May not be related to applicant.)
- Must be available for a 30-minute phone interview if application is selected.
TO APPLY:
- Complete Connie Lieding Scholarship Fund Online Application
- Submit Supplemental Documents:
  - Application Narrative,
  - Proof of Acceptance/Enrollment, and
  - Letters of Recommendation.

**There are multiple ways you can submit your supplemental documents:**
1. Upload them with your Connie Lieding Scholarship Fund Online Application.
2. Email them to Jasmine@NationalCrittenton.org after you've submitted your Connie Lieding Scholarship Fund Online Application.

**APPLICATION NARRATIVE**
We know that with the right opportunities and support, girls and young women impacted by violence and childhood adversity can **BELIEVE** in their ability to thrive, **ACHIEVE** long-term health and economic security, and **EMPOWER** themselves, becoming a force for change.

You must write an essay that is no less than 1,000 and no more than 1,500 words and includes the following information:

**TELL YOUR STORY:** Briefly tell your story, and discuss how, and why you came to Crittenton. Please keep in mind this scholarship fund was created to support Crittenton young women who've been impacted by violence and childhood adversity.

**GOALS:** Why is it important to you to continue your education and what impact will it have on your family?

**IMPACT:** If you are awarded a scholarship through the Connie Lieding Scholarship Fund what difference will it make in achieving your academic goals?

**IMPORTANT DATES:**
Accepting Applications: **February 11 – March 31, 2019**
Scholarship Awards Announced: **May 20, 2019**
Awards Sent to Summer Awardees: **May 31, 2019**
Awards Sent to Fall Awardees: **August 15, 2019**