



### **Deborah Linda Natansohn Memorial Scholarship**

The Commonwealth Institute (TCI) South Florida and the Deborah L. Natansohn (DLN) Foundation are proud to sponsor one deserving individual from a non-profit organization to receive one year's admission into a Commonwealth Forum for CEOs and Senior Executive Women. TCI is a dynamic non-profit organization founded in 1997 to help women entrepreneurs, CEOs, and senior corporate executives build successful businesses. The goal of the Institute is to reach women leaders during the critical stages of their business and to provide them with the tools and resources they need for growth. The cornerstone of TCI's approach is peer mentoring in a confidential, small group atmosphere. Each Commonwealth Forum for CEOs provides a confidential non-competitive environment for 8-10 women chief executives to meet monthly to share challenges and develop growth strategies. The \$1950.00 scholarship will enable an outstanding women executive of a non-profit organization to participate in this professionally facilitated forum and gain access to the expert resources that develop confidence and leadership.

The scholarship honors the commitment of Deborah Natansohn, past President and participating Forum Member of TCI, South Florida to the professional advancement of women. Before her untimely death in October 2006, Debbie was a groundbreaker for executive women in the travel industry, having been named as the first female President of a cruise line, Orient Lines, in the US in 1998. At the time of her death, she was President of Seabourn Cruise Line and had guided the luxury line through one of the most successful periods in its history. Previously, as senior vice president for sales and marketing at Cunard Lines, she was instrumental in overseeing the highly acclaimed launch of the Queen Mary 2. A widely recognized leader for women in business, Debbie was named in 2004 as Travel Executive of the Year by Travel Trade Magazine. In 2006, Debbie was honored with a Glass Ceiling Award by the Jewish Museum of Florida and named one of Florida's top 50 women business leaders by The Center for Leadership at Florida International University. In 2007 she was posthumously inducted into the Cruise Lines International Association's Hall of Fame. In addition to serving as president of TCI, South Florida, she was a forum member and mentor to many in the organization. She was also a member of the International Women's Forum and a participant in the Miami-Dade School

District's Executive PASS program, which matches local chief executives with school principals to further the success of their schools.

Scholarship criteria:

- Applicants must be female and must serve as a CEO or senior executive in a recognized IRS 501(c) (3) non-profit organization with a budget of roughly \$250,000 or more.
- Applicants must be referred by an existing member of The Commonwealth Institute, South Florida.
- Applicants should have a record of leadership in their field and a demonstrated track record of commitment to giving back to the community in which they serve.
- Applicants must have 7-10 years of experience in business or nonprofit organizations.

Application requirements:

- A 250- to 500-word essay explaining the applicant's suitability for the scholarship and how participation would benefit her leadership development and the growth of her non-profit organization.
- An endorsement letter from an existing member of TCI.
- A current resume or CV.

Scholarship packages will be reviewed by a committee of representatives from TCI and the DLN Foundation. Candidates that most closely mirror Ms. Natansohn's leadership, creativity, and community values will be called for an interview.