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In honor of Women's History Month, Fastweb highlights scholarships to help advance the next generation of female leaders

Weston, MA – March 5, 2018 -- Fastweb (<u>www.fastweb.com</u>), the leading website for scholarship and financial aid information and a member of the Monster network, honors the achievements of American women by highlighting scholarship, internship and fellowship opportunities during Women's History Month.

The 2018 Women's History Month theme is, "Nevertheless, She Persisted: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination Against Women." This inspirational theme, as noted by the National Woman's History Project, is an opportunity to honor women of diverse backgrounds who have shaped America's history and its future through their tireless commitment to ending discrimination against women and girls. In honor of this year's inspirational theme, Fastweb highlights scholarship opportunities to support the next generation of women leaders by helping them achieve their academic and professional goals.

Recent data from a Pew Research Center <u>study</u> shows women earned only 83 percent of what men earned in 2015, representing an estimated 17 percent gender pay gap. While there are many factors that contribute to these numbers, one is the need for increased access to higher education for women. This month, and throughout the year, Fastweb highlights several impactful scholarships available to female undergraduate, graduate and college bound students through their online resource, <u>Scholarships for</u> <u>Women</u>. Additionally, new this year, they have released a compilation of <u>Internships and Fellowships</u> to highlight career focused opportunities for women.

While the gender wage gap continues to be an ever-present issue in today's diverse workforce, some industries, historically dominated by men, are starting to turn. STEM industries, in particular, have seen a shift in which women make more than, or equal to, what men make across various fields, including electrical engineer, mechanical engineer, videographer and computer repair technician. More information on these jobs can be found in the Monster article, Jobs where women make more than men.

Fastweb continually provides insightful and free online resources to help students find ways to fund their education. More scholarship programs for all students can be found in their <u>Scholarship Directory</u>.

About Fastweb:

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