

GUIDELINES FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The Wisconsin Women in Government Scholarship program is designed to inspire women to consider careers in public service, public administration, and government affairs. The purpose of the program is to make post-secondary education more accessible to women by relieving some of the financial burden. It is intended to retain those who have begun such studies but would have difficulty continuing without financial assistance.

The Wisconsin Women in Government Scholarship program is funded through the annual fundraising dinner in Madison, Wisconsin.

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

- \$3,000 per year at any school among the UW System, Wisconsin Technical College System, and in-state private colleges affiliated with the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. Six scholarships total will be awarded.
- May be used for tuition, school supplies, childcare, and to reduce loan burden.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be a Wisconsin resident;
- Have financial need as determined by the receiving school based on applicant's eligibility for either the federal Pell grant, Wisconsin Higher Education Grant (WHEG), Wisconsin Tuition Grant (WTG), or Talent Incentive Program (TIP);
- Be enrolled at the time of application as a full-time or part-time undergraduate student at any of the above institutions; and

- Plan to be enrolled as a full-time or part-time undergraduate student at any of the above institutions for the fall semester.
- Students who will have received their Bachelor's degree by August 15 of the year of application are ineligible for this scholarship. Students in the process of transferring should apply through the institution where they will be enrolled in the fall semester.

CRITERIA

Students must:

- have a C grade point average or better and maintain at least a C average for continuation;
- Possess leadership potential, initiative and excellent communication skills; and
- Have an interest in public service, government and the political process.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following items:

- A completed application form including answers to all questions.
- A copy of her transcript. (This need not be a certified copy.)
- A letter from the financial aid office at her school confirming her eligibility for financial aid as defined in the "Eligibility" section.
- Two letters of recommendation from people who are familiar with the applicant and her skills, personality, work habits, etc. Recommendations must come from:
 - 1) a teacher, a school counselor or advisor; or
 - 2) an employer or individual with whom she has worked in a business, community or charitable effort.

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SELECTION PROCESS

Completed applications and accompanying documents should be submitted to the school the applicant will attend during the scholarship year. University of Wisconsin System applicants should submit completed scholarship applications to the Vice Chancellor's Office at their respective campuses. Students enrolled in the Wisconsin Technical College System and private colleges should submit applications to the financial aid director at their respective schools.

The school to which the applicant seeks admission shall first determine whether the applicant is eligible for the scholarship based on a process administered by the institution, which considers the criteria mentioned above. The University of Wisconsin System, Wisconsin Technical College System and Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities each may forward the names of up to six applicants for review and final selection.

Completed applications and accompanying documents should be submitted no later than **April 30th**. Do not send letters of recommendation, transcripts or financial aid rulings separately; they will not be considered unless they are included with the original application.

In its review of the scholarship applications, the WWIG Scholarship Committee will look for women who show promise of making a positive contribution to society. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on their leadership, demonstrated ability to handle responsibility, initiative, communication

skills, academic achievement, community involvement, and commitment to public service. Preference may be given to past WWIG scholarship recipients.

Scholarships will be awarded by July 31st.

TERM

Scholarships are effective for one year.

CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship recipients must provide GPA evidence of their continuing eligibility at the end of each semester. Scholarship recipients must notify Wisconsin Women in Government of any change in their enrollment status during the term of the scholarship. If the scholarship recipient discontinues her studies during any semester of the scholarship term, the WWIG Scholarship Committee may award the balance to another scholarship finalist.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

Scholars will have the opportunity to mentor with a member of Wisconsin Women in Government. Mentorships will be arranged at the request of the scholar. Scholarship recipients will be invited to attend and will receive one complimentary ticket to the annual fundraising dinner of the Wisconsin Women in Government in Madison, Wisconsin in the Spring of next year. If needed, scholarship recipients will also receive a nominal stipend as determined by the WWIG Scholarship Committee to defray travel and/or lodging costs to attend the banquet.

WISCONSIN WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT
UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
2009-2010

NAME: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL YEAR ADDRESS: CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

SCHOOL YEAR PHONE: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PERMANENT PHONE: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY AND GRADE LEVEL: _____

LIST ANY AWARDS OR OTHER RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT: _____

The purpose of this scholarship is to inspire women to consider careers in public service, public administration, and government affairs. Complete and organized answers on the application are important to the evaluation process. Please answer the following questions on no more than three (3) total typewritten pages.

1. Tell us about you and your family. For instance: Where were you born and what was your life like growing up? What accomplishments are you most proud of and why? What individual has had the greatest impact on your life and in what ways did that person influence you? Briefly describe any incident in your life that changed your way of thinking or gave you a new perspective.

2. Describe any school, charitable, community, or political activities in which you have participated. How have these made a difference in your life? (Such activities may include student government, student publications, political campaigns, charitable fundraising drives, events or public awareness functions on issues such as AIDS, homelessness, hunger, drugs, etc.)

3. Why is it important to you to continue your education past high school? In what ways do you think it will change your life?

4. Describe the career(s) you have been considering. What has led you to consider these options? What do you feel is the greatest barrier you will face in achieving your career goals and how will you overcome the barrier?

5. What is the most serious problem facing your community and how do you suggest it be solved?

I certify that this application contains accurate information.

(applicant signature)

(signature date)

Please be sure to include the following: 1) this completed application form 2) a copy of your transcripts, 3) a letter of financial eligibility, 4) two (2) letters of recommendation. This information should be submitted to the school that you attend during the scholarship term.

If you are a University of Wisconsin System applicant, please submit application materials to the Vice Chancellor's office on your campus. If you are enrolling in the Wisconsin Technical College System or a private college, please return the application to the financial aid director at your school.

WISCONSIN WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT
UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM
2009-2010

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

NAME OF PERSON MAKING RECOMMENDATION: _____

TITLE OF PERSON MAKING RECOMMENDATION: _____

ADDRESS: CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

DATE: _____

Thank you for taking time to support this applicant with your recommendation and for helping Wisconsin Women in Government make its decision. The purpose of this scholarship is to inspire women to consider careers in public service, public administration, and government affairs. Please include all of the following information in your recommendation, and submit your response attached to this document.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? In what ways have you seen the applicant grow during the time you have known her?

2. In your opinion, please describe the applicant's capacity for academic success in post-secondary education.

3. In what ways do the applicant's achievements distinguish her from her peers? How is she a positive role model for her peers?

4. In what ways has the applicant shown her ability to follow through on goals, commitments, and responsibilities?

5. Please add any additional information you think would be important in evaluating this applicant.