



Women in Aerospace Foundation, Inc.

Scholarship Application 2016-2017 Academic Year

Scholarship Program Goal

To encourage young women interested in a career in the aerospace field to pursue higher education degrees in engineering or science or math.

Awards Given

Three merit-based awards of \$2000 will be given to rising seniors in college, to be applied to the 2016-2017 academic year.

Scholarship Timeline

November 4, 2015: Announcement released

March 23, 2016: Applications due

Late April: Scholarship winners notified

October 13, 2016: Scholarship winners honored at WIA Awards Banquet

Eligibility Requirements

- Minimum college grade point average (GPA) of not less than the equivalent of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Must have completed at least two and a half academic years of full-time college work at the time of application, and must be currently enrolled at an accredited college or university in the United States or its territories, working towards a bachelor's degree, and plan to continue to be enrolled in the subsequent academic year
- Interested in pursuing a career in the aerospace field
- Entering senior year in the 2016-2017 academic year
- Must be female, of any citizenship or nationality

Application Requirements

- High school and college transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation from a professor, or a supervisor of summer or Co-op work experience, or a supervisor of research work. Recommendations from relatives will not be accepted.
- 500-1000 word essay on why the applicant is interested in aerospace, what she wants to accomplish in her career, and why she deserves the scholarship
- Completed scholarship letter (see below), agreeing to the payment rules

Application Submission Process

One hard (paper) copy with the above application materials to be mailed to:

Women in Aerospace Foundation, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship Selection Committee
204 E Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

Application must be received by **March 23, 2016**. References or transcripts may be mailed separately, if necessary.

Evaluation Process

The WIA Foundation Scholarship is a merit-based competitive award. The WIA Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee will evaluate applications and select a winner based on the criteria below.

Evaluation Criteria

- Transcripts – 25%
- Recommendation – 25%
- Essay – 50%

Payment of Scholarships

As part of the application process, each scholarship applicant is required to submit a signed scholarship agreement letter, which stipulates that the recipient will use scholarship funds only for her education and will return any unused funds to the Foundation. The Women in Aerospace Foundation, Inc., will confirm the scholarship winner's enrollment in an accredited college or university directly with the institution's registrar. Once the enrollment has been confirmed, the Foundation will pay the scholarship by check directly to the winners in September 2016.

Announcement of Scholarship Winner

The scholarship winners will be notified by email and letter by May 11, 2016. The winners will be recognized at the Women in Aerospace Awards Dinner held in the Washington, DC area in autumn of 2016. A press release will be issued with a short description of the winners and her plans for the scholarship, followed by an article in the WIA newsletter.

**WOMEN IN AEROSPACE FOUNDATION, INC.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

(Please type or print clearly)

1. Name _____
Last First Middle

2. Home Address _____
Street

City State Zip Country

3. Telephone Home _____ Cell _____
(Include country and city codes)

4. Email Address _____

5. Birth date _____

6. Do you prefer that we contact you by email or phone? _____

7. Country of Citizenship _____

8. College or University _____

9. Major _____

10. Number of Years of study completed _____

11. Date degree expected _____

12. Scholastic record:

	Dates attended	Degree & year received	Grade Point Average
High School:			

College(s):

Please attach copy of high school and most recent college transcript.

Applicant's Name: _____

13. List any distinctions, honors, and awards you have received (academic, volunteer, other), beginning in high school. Please provide a brief explanation of each. If you need additional space, please submit information on an attached sheet of paper.
14. List major extracurricular, civic, or community activities in order of importance to you. Please indicate any offices held or honors, and dates of participation.
15. List any aerospace or education-related work experience, such as summer internships, co-op work, research, etc. and what you learned from that experience.
16. In accordance with the U.S. Department of Labor's request for ethnic data, we would appreciate applicants supplying the following information. Your compliance is strictly voluntary. To which of the following ethnic groups do you belong:
- _____ African-American or Black
 - _____ Arab, Arab-American
 - _____ Asian, Asian-American or Pacific Islander
 - _____ Caucasian
 - _____ Hispanic
 - _____ Native-American, Indigenous Canadian, or Native Alaskan
 - _____ Other
17. How did you learn about the WIA Scholarship?

Applicant's Name: _____

18. **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:**

Two letters of recommendation are required. Please list below the names, positions, and addresses of persons writing a letter of recommendation, as well as their relationship to you. Recommendation letters must be from a professor, or a supervisor of a summer job, Co-op job, or research work. Recommendations from relatives will not be accepted. **It is preferred that recommendation forms be included within your application packet, however, they will be accepted separately, if necessary.**

Name _____

Position _____

Address _____

How Acquainted _____

Name _____

Position _____

Address _____

How Acquainted _____

19. **ESSAY QUESTION**

The essay must be typed on separate paper, with your name clearly marked at the top of each page. Please number each page. **The length of the entire essay should not exceed 1,000 words. The essay should address the three questions below. When discussing why you deserve this scholarship, please keep in mind that the scholarship is merit-based, and not need-based.**

Why are you interested in aerospace, what do you want to accomplish in your career, and why do you deserve this scholarship?

20. **SIGNATURE**

I attest that the information included in this application is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Name: _____ (printed)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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**RECOMMENDATION FORM #1:
To be completed by a professor or
supervisor of summer, Co-op, or research work.
Due March 23, 2016**

(Please type or print clearly)

Applicant's Name _____

Recommender's Name _____

Title _____

Organization Name _____

Organization Address _____

Office Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail Address _____

Signature: _____

Directions to the Recommender: Please fill out this recommendation form. A supplemental letter may also be submitted, but it should not take the place of this form. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Women in Aerospace Foundation, Inc. is seeking college women entering their senior year, interested in pursuing a career in aerospace. The WIA Foundation appreciates your commenting as thoroughly as possible regarding the applicant, her strengths and weaknesses, and her potential for a successful career in the aerospace field.

1. How are you acquainted with the candidate? How long have you known her?

Recommendation Form #1 – continued, page 2

Applicant's Name: _____

2. The WIA Foundation Scholarship Program is an initiative to help prepare women for a career in aerospace by pursuing higher education degrees in engineering or science or math.

Where do you see the applicant in her profession five years from now? What is her potential?

3. Please recount a project or other school or work-related situation that illustrates the applicant's strengths. What special talents and abilities set her apart from others in her field of study?

Recommendation Form #1 – continued, page 3

Applicant's Name: _____

4. Please rate the applicant's abilities, attributes, and potential on a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (superior) in the following areas:

	5 Superior	4 Excellent	3 Good	2 Fair	1 Poor
Intellectual ability					
Career potential in the aerospace field					
Quality of studies or work					
Motivation					
Character					
Commitment to goals					
Integrity					
Ability to work with others					
Commitment to civic, community, volunteer activities					
Sense of humor					

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RECOMMENDATION FORM #2:
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Due March 23, 2016

(Please type or print clearly)

Applicant's Name _____

Recommender's Name _____

Title _____

Organization Name _____

Organization Address _____

Office Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail Address _____

Signature: _____

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Recommendation Form #2 – continued, page 2

Applicant's Name: _____

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Where do you see the applicant in her profession five years from now? What is her potential?

3. Please recount a project or other school or work-related situation that illustrates the applicant's strengths. What special talents and abilities set her apart from others in her field of study?

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Applicant's Name: _____

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