

American Association of University Women Rockford Area Affiliate STEM Scholarship

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Award Application

Deadline: March 19, 2018

RULES FOR ELIGIBILITY – CANDIDATES MUST:

1. Be a female resident of Winnebago, Boone or Ogle County.
2. Be an enrolled senior at a Winnebago, Boone or Ogle County public or private high school.
3. Have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.5 out of 4.0.
4. Have a chosen academic field of study in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) as listed in Appendix Table 2 of the study at <http://www.esa.doc.gov/sites/default/files/stem-jobs-2017-update.pdf>
Applications without an identified STEM major in a gender under-represented field will not be considered.
5. Fulfill all requirements of the application process. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

CRITERIA FOR AWARD RECIPIENT SELECTION:

1. Academic achievements which indicate a high potential for success in post-secondary education (includes review of transcripts, ACT/SAT scores, scholastic achievements and awards).
2. Strength of essay written for application and focus on applicant's interest in STEM. **(Limit of two pages with a legible font no smaller than 10pt, double spaced)**
3. Submission of at least two letters of recommendation (three or four are encouraged). At least one of the letters must be written by at least one STEM teacher.
4. Level of involvement in school and community activities that indicates engagement and leadership.
5. Completed description of projected financial expenses and resources.
6. Classification as a graduating senior by the time the award is granted followed by proof of course registration at an accredited college or university for the 2018-2019 academic year.

EXPECTATION:

Scholarship winners will be expected to submit a suitable photo and give brief remarks at the award luncheon at 11am on Saturday, May 19, 2018.

PROCEDURES:

- It is recommended that candidates work closely with their school counselors while processing this application. A final signature from a high school counselor is required.
- All parts of the application must be readable. Electronic submission is strongly preferred, emailed to aauwrockford@gmail.com.
- The scholarship committee will review all eligible applications. Candidates will be scored based on the quality of the overall application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Four \$1000 scholarships from AAUW will be awarded. Awardees will be notified by April 27, 2018.

Please submit all application documents to one of the following addresses.

Email: aauwrockford@gmail.com

Postal mail: Rockford Area Branch AAUW
% Rockford YWCA
4990 E. State St.
Rockford, IL 61108

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American Association of University Women SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Student's First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Best Telephone to reach you _____ Date of Birth: Month/Day/Year _____

Father's Full Name _____ Occupation and place of employment _____

Mother's Full Name _____ Occupation and place of employment _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____ GPA _____ ACT/SAT Score _____

High School (Full Name): _____

High School Counselor: _____ Telephone: _____

Check STEM areas will you be studying: ___ **Science** ___ **Technology** ___ **Engineering** ___ **Math**

I have applied for admittance in the fall to the following colleges or universities:

My academic major will be _____

How did you find out about this scholarship?

Applicant's Full Signature _____ Date _____

High School Counselor's Signature _____ Date _____

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Attach the following documents:

- I. **Official High School Transcript, complete with ACT or SAT score.**
- II. **BIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY** (must be typed)
- III. Focus the biographical essay on your STEM interest and future goals upon completing college.
(Limit of two pages with a legible font no smaller than 10pt, double spaced)
- IV. **At least two letters of recommendation. One of the letters must be written by a STEM teacher.**
- V. **Extra-Curricular School Activities and Achievements**
 - A. List extra-curricular activities at school and the year of participation.
 - B. List leadership positions in school and the year of service.
 - C. List earned honors or awards and the year received.
 - D. List volunteer service to community (church, cultural and civic organizations, etc.)
 - E. List leadership position(s) in the community or earned the recognition
- VI. **Financial needs for the first year of college study.**
 - A. Projected Expenses:
i.e., tuition, books, room and board (This information can usually be found in the college catalogue or on the college's website.)
 - B. Estimate your financial resources to help meet these needs:
 1. What federal and/ or state loan/grants are you eligible to receive (for example, Pell grant).
 2. What other scholarship(s) have you been granted and/or applied for?
 3. Other:

VII. SIGN THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT

If selected, I agree to submit a suitable photo which may be used with my biographical information for media coverage of the awards ceremony and also promotion of the scholarship fund. I understand that scholarship recipients will be required to attend and give brief remarks at the awards luncheon, at 11am, on Saturday May 19, 2018, at Forest Hills Country Club in Rockford, IL.

Student's Signature

This application and all the required documents must be received March 19, 2018