**American Association of University Women Rockford Area Affiliate**

**Nontraditional Community STEM Scholarship**

[**http://rockfordarea-il.aauw.net/**](http://rockfordarea-il.aauw.net/)

**Award Application**

**Deadline: March 29, 2021**

**Rules for Eligibility -- Candidates must:**

1. Be a female student enrolled at either Rock Valley College or Rockford University.
2. Have officially completed at least 24 hours of college credit at Rock Valley College and/or Rockford University.
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 at
 <https://www.onetonline.org/find/stem/?t=0>
**Applications without an identified STEM major from female underrepresented careers (such as nursing) 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 STEM education (includes review of college transcripts, 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 and/or employment that indicates engagement and leadership.

**EXPECTATION:**

**Scholarship winners will be expected to submit a suitable photo and give brief remarks at the award brunch at 10am on. Sat., May 15, 2021.**

**PROCEDURES:**

* It is recommended that candidates work closely with their college counselors while processing this application. A final signature from a counselor or Registrar 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.

**One $1000 scholarship from AAUW will be awarded.**

**Awardee will be notified by May 1, 2021.**

**Please mail or deliver all application documents to one of the following addresses.**

Email address: aauwrockford@gmail.com

Mailing address: Rockford Area Branch AAUW

 ℅ Rockford YWCA

 4990 E. State St.

 Rockford, IL 61108

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 29, 2021.**

**American Association of University Women Nontraditional Community STEM 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

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of College credits earned: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College/University currently attending:

Counselor/Registrar: Telephone #:

College/University attending Fall 2020:

Check STEM area(s) you will be studying: \_\_\_\_\_ **Science** \_\_\_\_\_ **Technology** \_\_\_\_\_ **Engineering** \_\_\_\_\_ **Math**

My academic major will be:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_

How did you find out about this scholarship?

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Applicant’s Full Signature Date

Counselor or Registrar SignatureDate

**ATTACH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:**

1. **Official College/University Transcript**
2. **Biographical Essay** (must be typed)
	1. 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)
3. **At least two letters of recommendation. One of the letters must be written by a STEM teacher**.
4. **Extra-Curricular College/University Activities and Achievements, Community Volunteerism and/or Employment**
	1. List extra-curricular activities at College/University and the year(s) of participation.
	2. List leadership positions in College/University and the year(s) of service.
	3. List earned honors or awards and the year(s) received at the College/University
	4. List volunteer service to community (church, cultural and civic organizations, etc.)
	5. List leadership position(s) in the community or earned recognition
	6. Employment information (list employer, job title, number of weekly hours)
5. **Copy of college course schedule for Spring 2021**.

**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 15, 2021 at Rockford University in Rockford, IL.

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Student’s Signature

**This application and all required documents must be received by March 29, 2021.**