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Undergraduate Scholarship Program Information

Purpose:
To provide financial support to women undergraduates pursuing a bachelor's degree at a college or university in the District of Columbia who demonstrate academic achievement, substantial community involvement, and financial need.

Eligibility and Application Requirements:
All applicants must
1. Be female;
2. Be enrolled as an undergraduate pursuing a bachelor's degree in one of the following institutions:
    American University
    The Catholic University of America
    University of the District of Columbia
    The George Washington University
    Georgetown University
    Howard University
    Trinity Washington University;
3. Be in good academic standing with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
4. Have completed the equivalent of at least 12 semester hours as of the date the application is submitted and will have completed the equivalent of at least 25 semester hours at the start of the academic year for which the scholarship is granted;

Applications:
Applications will be made using https://app.getacceptd.com **with a $15 non-refundable fee. Please read the guidelines on that site before beginning the application.**

The following documents will be uploaded following the instructions on the website:
1. Application, which includes two written documents, one describing community involvement and leadership, and the other describing relevant personal circumstances.

2. A transcript from all undergraduate institutions attended. (Finalists will be asked for an official transcript.)

3. Finalists will be required to sign a consent form for press releases. (Zonta does not sell, rent or disclose information to a third party.)

4. A copy of the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. If the applicant cannot submit a copy of the FAFSA form, she must explain the failure to do so and provide other evidence of financial need acceptable to the Zonta Club of Washington, D.C. Scholarship Committee (Scholarship Committee), such as her previous year's United States federal tax return.

5. At least two and no more than four letters of recommendation, **including at least one from a recent professor or instructor from whom the candidate has taken college level courses. Contact your recommenders prior to putting their contact information on your application so that they can confirm that they will write in support of your application.** Recommenders will be invited to upload their letters directly to getacceptd.com only after you have submitted your application and paid the $15 fee.

Your application will not be complete until all the documents are submitted.

Selection Criteria:
Applicants will be evaluated based on their
1. Grade point average;
2. Community involvement and leadership;
3. Financial need;
4. Relevant personal circumstances (e.g., family obligations, health issues, limited proficiency in English).

Note: Incomplete applications and applications received after the due date will not be considered.

Award Amount: The amount of the award varies.

Renewal Applications: Previous awardees are encouraged to apply.

Application Deadline:
Complete applications must be received **no later than March 6, 2020 at 11:59pm.** Letters of recommendation must be received by **March 20**.

Date of Award Notification: Summer 2020

Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school's financial aid office for deposit into the student's account in August.

Information about your requests for letters of recommendation:
Your recommenders will have until March 20 to submit their letter of recommendation online. To learn more about how to send them a reminder or change your recommenders, visit the **support.getacceptd.com Help Desk**. Until your letters of recommendation are submitted, application will appear as pending in your dashboard.

Note: Incomplete applications (without the two required letters of recommendation uploaded) and applications received after the due date will not be considered and are not eligible for an application fee refund.

For guideline or requirement questions, contact the Zonta Club at:
ScholarshipUndergrad@Zontawashingtondc.org

For technical issues, email support@getacceptd.com or call 1-888-725-2122, ext. 2