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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 (listed below) who demonstrate substantial community involvement, academic achievement, and financial need.

### **Eligibility and Application Requirements:**

All applicants must:

1. Be a woman 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 Gallaudet University The George Washington University Georgetown University Howard University Trinity Washington University

- 2. Be in good academic standing with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- 3. Have completed the equivalent of at least 12 credit hours as of the date the application is submitted and will have completed the equivalent of at least 25 credit hours at the start of the academic year for which the scholarship is requested. AP credit hours earned during high school education do not qualify toward the 12 and 25 credit hours requirement.

## **Applications:**

Applications will only be accepted through the online scholarship application portal. A link to the application portal is available at: <u>www.zontawashingtondc.org</u>

Applicants must complete the application form and upload the following documents according to the instructions on the website:

- 1. An electronic copy of your unofficial transcript(s). An official transcript submission will be required of finalists.
- 2. A narrative, of 300 to 500 words, demonstrating self-development, long-term educational and professional goals, and commitment to the chosen profession.
- 3. A narrative of 300-500 words describing the applicant's community service and leadership.
- 4. A narrative not to exceed 500 words describing how receipt of this scholarship would help you complete your undergraduate educational goals.
- 5. Please also include a narrative not to exceed 500 words regarding any personal circumstances that you feel will be helpful to the selection committee if applicable.
- 6. Financial Need: Applicants are required to have submitted their Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form (FAFSA Form) prior to submitting the scholarship application. If the applicant cannot submit a copy of the FAFSA form, she must explain the inability 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.
- 7. Letter(s) of Recommendation: Two letters of recommendation, one of the letters must be from an advisor or faculty member from whom the candidate has taken college level courses at the current institution.

Your application may be successfully submitted after all required sections have been completed, including the contact information to request letters of recommendation.

The application process will only be completed after the application has been successfully submitted and all documents, including letters of recommendations, have been received.

**Selection Criteria:** Applicants will be evaluated based on their 1) Community Involvement and Leadership 2) Financial Need 3) Grade Point Average and 4) Relevant personal circumstance.

Award Amount: The amount of the award varies.

Renewal Applications: Previous awardees are encouraged to apply.

**Application Deadline:** Complete applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. EST on May 1, 2024. Recommendation Letters must be submitted no later than 11:59 EST on May 14, 2024. *Incomplete applications and applications received after the due date will not be considered.* 

Date of Award Notification: Summer 2024

Questions may be submitted to:

scholarshipundergrad@zontawashingtondc.org