

**Women in Aerospace Foundation, Inc.**  
**Scholarship Application**  
**For 2012-2013 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**

One or more merit-based awards of \$1000 will be given to a rising senior in college, to be applied to the 2012-2013 academic year.

**Scholarship Timeline**

October 1, 2011: Announcement released

February 15, 2012: Applications due

March 15, 2012: Scholarship winner(s) notified

Fall 2012: Scholarship winner(s) 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 bachelors 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 2012-2013 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 February 15, 2012. 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 winner(s) in August 2012.

## **Announcement of Scholarship Winner**

The scholarship winner(s) will be notified by email and letter by March 15, 2012. The winner(s) will be recognized at the Women in Aerospace Awards Dinner held in the Washington, DC area in the fall of 2012. A press release will be issued with a short description of the winner(s) and her plans for the scholarship, followed by an article in the WIA newsletter.

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14. 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.

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15. List major extracurricular, civic, or community activities in order of importance to you. Please indicate any offices held or honors, and dates of participation.

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16. List any aerospace or education-related work experience, such as summer internships, co-op work, research, etc. and what you learned from that experience.

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17. 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

18. How did you learn about the WIA Scholarship?

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19. **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.**

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How Acquainted \_\_\_\_\_

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20. **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?*

21. **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 February 15, 2012**

(Please type)

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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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:**  
**To be completed by a professor or**  
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**Due February 15, 2012**

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Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please type)

Recommender's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Office Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Recommendation Form #2 – 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:

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