



## Women in Aerospace Foundation, Inc.

### Scholarship Application 2025-2026 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

Four merit-based awards of \$5,000 each will be given to *rising* juniors and seniors in college, to be applied to the 2025-2026 academic year.

#### Scholarship Timeline

February 2025: Announcement and call for scholarship applicants.

**June 17, 2025: Application Deadline**

Late July: Scholarship winners notified.

October 9, 2025: Scholarship winners honored at WIA Awards Dinner & Ceremony

#### 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 one 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 bachelor's degree, and plan to continue to be enrolled in the subsequent academic year
- Interested in pursuing a career in the aerospace field
- Entering junior or senior year in the 2025-2026 academic year
- Must be female, and a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident

#### 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 responding to the following: **"Imagine that you are trying to explain to someone with no interest in aerospace why aerospace is important. How would approach this explanation and what would you say?"**

## **Application Submission Process**

One merged PDF that includes the above application materials should be emailed to the following address: [info@womeninaerospace.org](mailto:info@womeninaerospace.org)

Application must be received by **June 17, 2025**. References or transcripts may be emailed 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

- Application/Transcripts – 25%
- Recommendation – 25%
- Essay – 50%

## **Payment of Scholarships**

As part of the selection process, each chosen scholarship recipient 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 enrollment has been confirmed, the Foundation will pay the scholarship by check directly to the winners' institutions during the fall of 2025.

## **Announcement of Scholarship Winners**

The scholarship winners will be notified by email and letter by the end of July 2025. The winners will be recognized at the Women in Aerospace Annual Awards Dinner & Ceremony held in the Washington, DC area in autumn of 2025. A press release will be issued with a short description of the winners and her plans for the scholarship, followed by an article in the WIA newsletter.

**WOMEN IN AEROSPACE FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

(Please type or print clearly)

1.	Name	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	
		<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	
2.	Home Address	<hr/>			
		<i>Street</i>			
		<hr/>			
		<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>	<i>Country</i>
3.	Telephone	Home	<hr/>		Cell
			(Include country and city codes)		<hr/>
4.	Email Address	<hr/>			
5.	Birth date	<hr/>			
6.	Do you prefer that we contact you by email or phone? <hr/>				
7.	Country of Citizenship <hr/>				
8.	College or University <hr/>				
9.	Major <hr/>				
10.	Number of Years of study completed <hr/>				
11.	Date degree expected <hr/>				
12.	Scholastic record:				
		Dates attended	Degree & year received	Grade Point Average	
	High School:	<hr/>			
	College(s):	<hr/>			
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***Please attach copy of high school and most recent college transcript.***

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

13. 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.
14. List major extracurricular, civic, or community activities in order of importance to you. Please indicate any offices held or honors, and dates of participation.
15. List any aerospace or education-related work experience, such as summer internships, co-op work, research, etc. and what you learned from that experience.
16. 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
17. How did you learn about the WIA Scholarship?

\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

18. **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.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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19. **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 question below.**

*Imagine that you are trying to explain to someone with no interest in aerospace why aerospace is important. How would approach this explanation and what would you say?*

20. **SIGNATURE**

I attest that the information included in this application is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (printed)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Women in Aerospace Foundation, Inc.  
515 2ND Street NE  
Washington, DC 20002

**RECOMMENDATION FORM #1:**  
**To be completed by a professor or**  
**supervisor of summer, Co-op, or research work.**  
**\*\*Due June 17, 2025**

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(Please type or print clearly)

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Title \_\_\_\_\_

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

Organization Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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 junior or 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?

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. The WIA Foundation Scholarship Program is an initiative to help prepare women for a career in aerospace by pursuing higher education degrees in engineering or science or math.

Where do you see the applicant in her profession five years from now? What is her potential?

3. Please recount a project or other school or work-related situation that illustrates the applicant's strengths. What special talents and abilities set her apart from others in her field of study?

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:**  
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**\*\*Due June 17, 2025**

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(Please type or print clearly)

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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