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 $2000 will be given to rising juniors and seniors in college, to be applied to the 2021-2022 academic year.

Scholarship Timeline

- Mid-December 2020: Announcement released
- **June 22, 2021:** Application Deadline
- Late July: Scholarship winners notified
- October 14, 2021: 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 2021-2022 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 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

Application must be received by June 22, 2021. 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 2021.

Announcement of Scholarship Winner

The scholarship winners will be notified by email and letter by the end of July 2021. The winners will be recognized at the Women in Aerospace Annual Awards Dinner & Ceremony held in the Washington, DC area in autumn of 2021. 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 ________________________________________________________________
   Last   First   Middle

2. Home Address __________________________________________________________
   Street
   City   State   Zip   Country

3. Telephone Home ___________________________ Cell ___________________________
   (Include country and city codes)

4. Email Address __________________________________________________________

5. Birth date __________________________________________________________________

6. Do you prefer that we contact you by email or phone? ____________________________

7. Country of Citizenship ________________________________________________

8. College or University __________________________________________________

9. Major __________________________________________________________________

10. Number of Years of study completed _______________________________________

11. Date degree expected _____________________________________________________

12. Scholastic record:

   Dates attended                  Degree & year received                  Grade Point Average
   High School:
   College(s):

Please attach copy of high school and most recent college transcript.
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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.**

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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 you 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: __________________________
RECOMMENDATION FORM #1:
To be completed by a professor or supervisor of summer, Co-op, or research work.

**Due June 22, 2021**

(Please type or print clearly)

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?
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?
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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