**CHARLESTON WOMAN’S IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE, INC.**

P. O. Box 11278, Charleston, WV 25339

**2025 THELMA MCDANIEL TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**The Charleston Woman’s Improvement League is offering a $500 Scholarship**

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| Applicant Name: |

**SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**\*\*You must adhere to all requirements for the Thelma McDaniel Scholarship. All of the following criteria must be met in order to be considered eligible. You must also submit other required documents as stated on Page 2 of this packet.**

**Thelma McDaniel Technical Scholarship**

* Must be an African American female student accepted to or currently enrolled in a career or technical school
* Must be a Kanawha or Putnam County resident
* Must be a citizen of the United States
* Must have a high school diploma or GED certificate
* Must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better
* Must complete a 500 word essay
* Must not be related by birth or marriage to any active CWIL member
* Must be a full-time student accepted to or currently enrolled in a technical school
* Must have participated in community activities, i.e., clubs, organizations, church, or volunteer work

**Required Documents**

Your application packet must include:

* A completed application including signature
* A completed and signed Release of Information Form
* Proof of enrollment into a career/technical school (acceptance letter or current class schedule).
* An official transcript with a school seal and signed by a school official from your high school or career/technical school (whichever was attended last).
* Two letters of recommendation signed and mailed directly to the address listed below.
  + One letter must be from an official at the high school or career or technical college currently attending.
  + One letter must be from an employer, volunteer supervisor or religious/civic leader.

THE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION CANNOT BE FROM FAMILY MEMBERS

* An essay with a maximum of 500 words: “How do you anticipate using your degree to impact the African American community?” The essay must be computer generated in size 12 Arial font double spaced.
* Confirmation of present enrollment of acceptance into a career, technical or vocational school.

**All applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2025**

**Hand-delivered and incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

**Submit Completed Application to:**

**Attention: Scholarship Committee**

**Charleston Woman’s Improvement League, Inc.**

**P.O. Box 11278**

**Charleston, WV 25339**

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| **Section 1: Applicant Information** | | | | | |
| First Name | Middle Name | | | Last Name | |
| Street Address | | | | | |
| City | | State | | | Zip |
| Home Phone | | Cell Phone | | | Email |
| Birth Date | | | **Parent/Guardian Name (18 and under)** | | |

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| **Section 2: High School Information** | | |
| Name of High School now attending | | |
| Street Address | | |
| City | State | Zip |

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| **Section 3: Career/Technical/Vocational School Information** | | |
| Name of Institution for which you have applied or have been accepted: | | |
| Street Address: | | |
| City | State | Zip |
| Major | Expected start date | Yearly tuition |

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| **Section 4: Other Schools/Institutions** |
| Have you attended as a regular student any schools beyond high school? If yes, where? When? |
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| Did you graduate, receive a certificate or diploma? Explain: |
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| **Section 5: Current & Past Community Service/Extra-Curricular Activities**  **(e.g., School, religious and/or social groups)** | |
| Name of Organization/Activity | Membership Dates |
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| Section 6: Certification |

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the application information I have completed is true and correct. I fully understand that any false information or misrepresentation may disqualify me from consideration for this scholarship. I also understand that all information submitted becomes the property of CWIL, Inc. and will be kept confidential.

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| Applicant Signature | Date |
| **Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18)** | Date |