***Western High School***

***Alumnae Association, Inc.***

**Class of 2025**

Scholarship Application

The Western High School Alumnae Association, Inc. (WHSAA) seeks to preserve the traditions of the oldest all-girls public high school in the United States and sustain the legacy of academic excellence to support the preservation of Western High School, the oldest all-girls public high school in the United States. The WHSAA, Inc. was incorporated in 1986 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit membership organization.

**Mission of the WHSAA, Inc.**

* Identify and obtain resources for the school so that it may increase the quality of services to the students.
* Offer role models and mentors to students to enhance their potential for assuming leadership roles.
* Acquire funds and property for the benefit of students and student activities.
* Serve as advocates for the school.

The WHSAA, Inc. invites graduating seniors to apply for scholarships to help defray some of the costs of pursuing higher education. The WHSAA scholarship application can be downloaded at [http://www.whsaainc.org](http://www.whsaainc.org/). or obtained from a guidance counselor.

# Application Requirements

What better way to serve as an advocate for "Dear Western" than to provide scholarships to graduating seniors? WHSAA wants to extend opportunities to and recognize those students who maintain a

cumulative grade point average of ***3.0/B (unweighted) and above***. Young ladies interested in applying must meet the eligibility criteria and complete the attached application packet. For consideration, the completed application packet must include:

* A typed application form (students can use either a typewriter or input their information from the downloaded MS Word document and then print the typed application to mail or save to submit electronically)**.**
* An official copy of your high school transcript from the Guidance Office that includes senior year first semester grades.
* Two personal letters of recommendation. At least one letter must be from a high school teacher. The second letter may be from a teacher or representative from a community service organization or affiliated with an extra-curricular activity in which you were involved***.*** An original typed copy of each letter must be submitted on the letterhead of the references’ organizations.The person submitting the references should sign the recommendation letters and include a daytime telephone and email address should the Scholarship Committee need to contact the individual.
* **Special consideration will be given to scholars who have earned a cumulative average of 85% or above in the subject area of Mathematics. Please note to qualify, one of the letters of recommendation must be provided by a Mathematics educator.**
* Completed response to one (1) essay question. (See Page 9- Appendix B).
* An acceptance letter or acknowledgement of application submission for the college being considered for freshman enrollment beginning in Fall 2025.
* OPTIONAL & EXTRA CREDIT- Participation in at least one 1-hour WHSAA, Inc. “Give Light” Zoom Virtual Webinar.
* Scholars under age eighteen will need parental approval to participate in community service events. Please forward your parents’ name and contact information to scholarshipchair@whsaainc.org by Monday, March 17, 2025 or no later than the date you select.

**“Give Light” Virtual Webinar Date-OPTIONAL (Extra 5 Points)**

 **Thursday, March 20, 2025 6:30pm**

 **Or**

 **Thursday March 27, 2025 6:30 pm**

 **Zoom (Link will be forwarded via email)**

 **Volunteer In Person- Mandatory**

* + - **Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

**Moveable Feast**

**12:30 pm- 2:30pm**

**901 N. Milton Ave. Baltimore, MD 21205**

**(Food prepping or assembling food packages)**

***There may be additional in-person volunteer opportunities. Please email the Scholarship Chair at scholarshipchair@whsaainc.org for further details, if needed.***

* **NO HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS, ESSAYS or LETTERS of RECOMMENDATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
* **PLAN ACCORDINGLY TO GIVE TIMELY INFORMATION TO THE PERSON WHO GIVES YOU THE RECOMMENDATION.**
* **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. FAILURE TO COMPLETE ALL NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF YOUR APPLICATION**

All completed applications and supplemental materials must be saved in PDF format and emailed to the scholarshipchair@whsaainc.org or postmarked to the WHSAA Inc. P.O. Box 65296 Baltimore, MD 21209 no later than Friday**, May 2, 2025 at 11:59 pm** for scholarship consideration.

The Scholarship Committee members will review the applications and select recipients to be announced during the June 2025 Commencement

* Scholarship recipients will receive a congratulatory email with instructions regarding disbursement of award.
* All scholarship recipients are asked to submit a headshot photo to be shared in WHSAA, Inc. communications.
* Please be advised your award will be forwarded directly to the Bursar’s Office at your college or university.
* Book scholarships may be disbursed directly to the student.
* In addition, if you receive a full scholarship which includes your books, documentation will be required, and other arrangements will be made to purchase an item(s) of necessity.

If you have any questions, email the Scholarship Committee Chair at scholarshipchair@whsaainc.org.

# APPLICATION FORM

 (MUST BE TYPED – NO EXCEPTIONS)

**PART I. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Applicant’s Full Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

City:  State:  Zip Code:

Telephone Number:

E-Mail:

**PART II . PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Please include the contact information for your parent/guardian information. Your parent/guardian will be notified if you are selected as a scholarship recipient. Your application will be disqualified if the parent/guardian information is not included.

***If you are age 18, parent/guardian information is not required; however, you are encouraged to share the information your parent/guardian.***

Parent/Guardian’s Name(s):

Address:

Email Address:

Telephone number:

Best method of contact:

**PART III. WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

(Please have your guidance counselor complete the "High School Transcript Request" form (APPENDIX A).

Grade Point Average:

Program of Study:

**PART IV. COLLEGE ENROLLMENT DATA:**

(Submit a copy of your acceptance letter or acknowledgement of acceptance from the college you plan to attend for verification.)

Name of college you plan to attend:

Address:

City:  State:  Zip Code:

College Registrar’s Name:

Registrar’s Telephone Number:

Anticipated College Major:

Expected Date to Begin Classes:  Will you be: full-time  part-time

**PART V. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

List any extra-curricular activities you participated in at Western on Appendix C on Page 10. Include a brief description of the club/team/community organization and the reason you decided to participate. Please be sure to indicate the years that you participated and any offices or community roles that you served.

**PART VI. LETTERS OF RECOMMEDATION**

Submit two letters of recommendation: one from a teacher and the other from a community service

organization or two teacher letters of recommendations. *Both letters MUST be on original letterhead- no copies will be accepted.*

**PART VII. ESSAYS**

Complete the attached essay sheet (Appendix B) the essays must be typed.

**PART VIII. FINAL DIRECTIONS**

Submit the completed application packet electronically to scholarshipchair@whsaainc.org

Please refer to the checklist on Page 11.

PRESENTATION IS EVERYTHING.

Just like your college applications, the quality and effort to complete this application reflect you.

# APPENDIX A

# TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

APPLICANTS: Please complete this form and give to your guidance counsel to request an official copy of your high school transcript.

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR: **Please email a copy of the most recent transcript (freshman year through first semester of senior year) to the** **scholarshipchair@whsaainc.org** **and carbon copy (cc) the student on the email.**

Name:

Address:

City:     State:     Zip Code:

Guidance Counselor’s Name (Please Type/Print):

**(PRINT THIS PAGE FOR SIGNATURES IN BLUE INK)**

Guidance Counselor’s Signature:     Date:

Student’s Signature: Date:

(Permission to Release Information)

Parent’s Signature: Date:

(Permission to Release Information)

 **APPENDIX B**

**CAREER ASPIRATIONS ESSAY**

Name:

In 250-300 hundred words, write an essay in response to the following questions:

* What do you plan to study in college?
* How has attending Western prepared you to embark on your college career as part of your plan to meet your professional goals?
* What do you plan to accomplish by 2028?

# (Please be sure to use word count, Times New Roman 12 Point Font, and Double- Space)

**APPENDIX C**

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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| **Name of Organization** | **Dates of Participation** | **List Your Role with the Organization** |
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| **Briefly describe the organization and your interest in participating** |

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# APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**Please verify the completion of each application requirement**

[ ] Proofread & neatly typed application

[ ]  **TRANSCRIPT-** Confirmed you were copied (cc) in the transcript email from your guidance to scholarshipchair@whsaainc.org

 [ ] Included two (2) letters of recommendation

* Two (2) Teacher recommendations

**OR**

* One(1)Teacher recommendation A**ND** One(1) Community Organization recommendation

☐ Completed the ONE essay

* Career Aspirations

[ ] An acceptance letter or acknowledgement of application submission for the college being considered for freshman enrollment beginning in Fall 2025

[ ] Parents/Guardians’ Contact Information

[ ]  Participated in one (1) One - Hour WHSAA, Inc. “Give Light” Virtual Webinar OPTIONAL (Extra 5 Points)

[ ]  Participated in one (1) In Person Volunteer Event

☐Submit by **Friday**, **May 2, 2025**

* Via email to scholarshipchair@whsaainc.org

 or

* Postmarked to WHSAA, Inc., P.O. Box 65296, Baltimore, MD 21209

**I confirm that I have submitted all the application requirements. I understand that my application will not be considered if all the requirements are not submitted by** **Friday, May 2, 2025 11:59pm**

**For inquires: Please contact Ms. V. Renee McKee, Scholarship Chair**

**410-513-9190 or** **scholarshipchair@whsaainc.org**

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