



WOMEN IN DEFENSE MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER

STEM Education Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

The mission of Women In Defense (WID) is to engage, cultivate, and support the advancement and recognition of women in all aspects of national security. Incorporated in 1985, this empowerment organization provides women a business environment for professional growth through strategic networking, education, and career development.

Each year, the WID Mid-Atlantic Chapter awards the STEM Education Scholarship to help shape the future defense and national security workforce by supporting a female high school senior in her pursuit of a STEM defense- or national security-related career.

The WID Mid-Atlantic Chapter STEM Education Scholarship, valued at \$2,500.00, is an annual, single-award scholarship. The application package consists of an application form, one-page essay, signed media and photo release statement, and a sealed official transcript.

A review panel, composed of WID Mid-Atlantic Chapter Scholarship Committee members, will evaluate the applications and recommend scholarship awards to the WID Mid-Atlantic Chapter Board of Directors. The Directors will approve the scholarship recipient on behalf of the chapter.

Awardees are not eligible to win more than one scholarship from WID Mid-Atlantic Chapter in a calendar year.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following criteria **without exception**:

1. Identify as a female; be a high school senior working toward a diploma; and actively pursuing college enrollment at an accredited public college/university/institute.
2. Be pursuing a higher education (Associate or Bachelor) degree and career related to STEM and national security or defense in the following areas: military history, government relations, engineering, computer science, cyber security, physics, mathematics, law (as it relates to national security or defense), life and physical sciences, homeland security, emergency management, international relations, political science, law enforcement, criminology or economics. Others will be considered if the applicant can successfully demonstrate relevance to a career in the areas of national security or defense. For other examples, see website: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5257
3. Hold a cumulative minimum weighted grade point average of 3.0 as of the 1st quarter of the school year (senior year). A sealed official transcript must be included in the application package.

4. Be a United States citizen and reside within Baltimore, Cecil, or Harford Counties, or Baltimore City.
5. Submit a completed application package, in proper format, by **May 11, 2020**.
6. Demonstrate the need for financial assistance by writing a statement explaining how receiving this scholarship will make a difference in your educational pursuits.

Deadline, Application, Notification

All applicants must provide a completed application package including the application form, one-page essay, signed media and photo release statement, and a sealed official transcript. Applicants must sign the media and photo release statement from the cover letter in order to allow the chapter to release their name upon award, and subsequent photo. A photo will be requested from the winner(s) only.

The complete application package must be postmarked by **May 11, 2020**, and mailed to:
Women In Defense Mid-Atlantic Chapter
STEM Education Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 82
Belcamp, Maryland 21017

or submitted electronically to WIDMACScholarship@gmail.com.

All sealed official transcripts must be mailed to the physical address or electronically sent through the guidance counselor.

Successful applicants will be notified by a Scholarship Committee representative and subsequent scholarship award(s) will be posted on the WID Mid-Atlantic Chapter website at: <http://www.widmidatlantic.org/>. All applicants may check the website periodically after **June 25, 2020** for the list of awardees.

Selection Criteria

Awards are made without regard to race, creed, color, or culture. The WID Mid-Atlantic Chapter reserves the right to revise, suspend, or discontinue this scholarship without notice.

Awardee Information

If awarded the scholarship, the winner(s) will be asked to:

- a. Provide a photo (in JPG or TIFF format) that allows WID Mid-Atlantic Chapter to use in marketing and media announcements related to the WID Mid-Atlantic Chapter STEM Education Scholarship.
- b. Provide a videotaped thank you note to WID Mid-Atlantic Chapter and participate and be recognized at a WID Mid-Atlantic Chapter Luncheon (WID will videotape the awardee's thank you note message).

- c. Provide an Enrollment Verification letter from the Registrar's Office of their college/university/institute to the WID Mid-Atlantic Chapter (address above) before funds will be dispersed. All funds will be dispersed directly to the college/university/institute.

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Women In Defense (WID), A National Security Organization, cultivates and supports the advancement and recognition of women in all aspects of national security. WID was established to provide women a formal environment for professional growth through networking, education, and career development. WID is an affiliate of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), which represents all facets of the defense and technology industrial base and serves all military services. This affiliation gives WID members a source for defense industry information, increased networking opportunities and professional contacts, and an expanded scope of informative programs.