

Educational Scholarship Committee

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Scholarship awards play an important part in GFWC. Many deserving students anticipate receiving a scholarship to help finance their college education. The Education Scholarship Committee encourages each member, club, and district to consider making a monetary contribution to the Scholarship Fund for the future funding of the state's scholarship candidates. Your contribution to the GFWC – WS Scholarship Fund may be submitted using the Dues and Contributions Form in the Administration Handbook. All contributions are sent to the GFWC-WS Treasurer – Kimberly Skagen.

Adding the Scholarship Fund as a line item on your club or district budget is a good way to remember to make a contribution. Special Event Fundraising raises awareness for the need to keep nurturing young women to attend college. Reach out in your communities to your local schools to recruit candidates for the scholarship awards.

Educational Scholarship Guidelines (non-Member)

To Club Presidents and Scholarship Chairmen:

ALL requirements must be met; incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. The minimum amount to be awarded by the state, per scholarship, is \$250. **Individual clubs and districts are not required to award a scholarship in order for a candidate to be eligible for the state scholarship.** Clubs are encouraged to make an annual contribution to the state's scholarship fund as explained above.
2. The top recipient will also receive the **Kathy Estep Memorial Scholarship.**
3. There is no **club cut-off date** on the form; we **suggest February 1st** in order to give your club time to select your applicant.
4. Only **one (1) candidate entry per club.**
5. A personal letter stating **goals**, financial need, future plans and additional pertinent information-
6. Three **(3)** letters of **recommendation.**
7. A **club letter** should be included showing evidence the sponsoring club knows and supports its candidate.
8. The original application should be **signed in ink by the Club President or Scholarship Chairman.**
9. **Three (3) copies** of the application, letters and transcript are to be mailed to **Rena Johnston.** Only one photo is necessary.
10. Applications must be **postmarked no later than March 1. Late applications will not be considered.**
11. **Final decisions** will be made by the GFWC-WS Educational Scholarship Committee on the basis of the information furnished,
12. Scholarship awards must be used in an accredited school in **Washington State.**
13. Scholarship money will be sent to the school in which the recipient is enrolled **after verification** is received by the GFWC-WS Financial Secretary.

Member Scholarship Guidelines

The GFWC-WS Member Scholarship shall consist of accrued interest from funds presented to the state federation at the dissolution of the GFWC-Washington State Junior Membership plus gifts, if sodesignated.

The Educational Scholarship Fund trustees shall determine the recipient and amount of the scholarship with approval of the Board of Directors; an amount not to exceed the accrued interest plus gifts may be awarded.

1. Applicants must be active members in good standing of a GFWC-WS club.
2. A club may submit no more than one applicant.
3. Each entry must be on a current application form and signed in ink by a club official.
4. Applicants must be a resident of the State of Washington.
5. Applicants must include the following:
 - a. The current GFWC-WS scholarship application form.
 - b. A small photo (approximately 2" x 3") for publicity.
 - c. A personal letter stating goals, financial need, future plans and additional information.
 - d. Three (3) letters of recommendation.
 - e. A personal letter from the sponsoring club stating support of the applicant and signed by a club official.
6. Three (3) complete copies of the application and all materials are to be mailed to Rena Johnston.
7. Applications must be postmarked to the GFWC-WS Educational Scholarship Chairman by MARCH 1.
8. Applications received incomplete or after the due date will not be considered.
9. Final decisions will be made by the GFWC-WS Educational Scholarship Committee on the basis of the information furnished. No more than one (1) member scholarship shall be awarded each year.
10. Scholarship awards must be used in an accredited school in Washington State.
11. Scholarship money will be sent to the school in which the recipient is enrolled after verification is received by the GFWC-WS Financial Secretary.

Recipient must maintain an active membership in a GFWC-WS club during the terms for which the scholarship/tuition monies are applied.

Educational Scholarship Trustees:

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EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

This page is to be given to all applicants).

1. Educational Scholarships, varying in amounts, will be announced in April at the annual GFWC-WashingtonState (GFWC-WS) Convention.
2. Applicants must be **sponsored** by a dues-paying club of GFWC-WS. Only **one entry** per club. Each entry must be on a **current application form**, and an **original signed in ink** by the applicant and a club official.
3. Consideration will be given to **females** who are graduating from high school and/or currently enrolled in a **college undergraduate** program.
4. Scholarship awards must be used in an accredited school in **Washington State**. Applicants must be **residents of the State of Washington**.
5. Students are **eligible to receive only two (2)** GFWC-WS Educational Scholarships.
6. Scholarship money will be sent to the school in which the recipient is enrolled **after the GFWC-WS Financial Secretary receives verification**.
7. Educational Scholarships not used by January 1 of the following year will be awarded to an **alternate**.
8. Applications **must include the following**:
 - **The current 2020-2022 GFWC-WS Educational Scholarship Form** including the signature in ink of a club representative (President or Scholarship Chairman).
 - A small **photo** (approximately 2" x 3") for publicity.
 - **Transcript** of grades from school currently attending.
 - **Personal letter** stating goals, financial need, future plans and pertinent information.
 - Three (3) letters of recommendation -no more than two (2) from school personnel and a third from an adult well-acquainted with the applicant through work, church, volunteer experience, etc.
 - A personal letter **from the sponsoring club** stating why they chose the applicant and form signed by the club official
9. **Three (3) complete copies** of the application. All materials are to be mailed to the State Chairman, Rena Johnston by the sponsoring club. Only one photo is necessary.
10. Applications must be **received by the club no later than** _____
11. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
12. Final selection will be made by the GFWC-WS Educational Scholarship Fund Trustees **based on the information furnished**.

Educational Scholarship Application Form

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____

Father's Name _____

Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____

Occupation _____

Names and ages of other family members _____

Names of persons you live with _____

School presently attending _____

School planning to attend _____

Field of Study _____

Student ID number _____ Social Security # _____

State your financial need _____

Work experience _____

Volunteer Experience _____

Applicant's Signature

Signature

Date

This official form must be filled out completely and returned by

To the address below:

Sponsoring Club _____

President/Chairman _____

Address _____

Phone #: _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Signature of Club President or Scholarship Chairman (please indicate position)

Signature

Position

Date

MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Sponsoring GFWC-WS Club: _____

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone# _____

Occupation _____

Names and ages of other family members _____

Names of persons you live with _____

School presently attending _____

School you plan to attend _____

Field of study _____

Student ID Number _____

Social Security# _____

State your financial need _____

Work Experience: _____

Volunteer Experience _____

Your (applicant's) Signature: _____

Signature

Date

This official form must be filled out completely and returned by

To the address below:

Sponsoring Club _____

President/Chairman _____

Address _____

Phone #: _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Signature of Club President or Scholarship Chairman (please indicate position)

Signature	Position	Date