

Greater Ohio Valley Chapter of Women in Defense (WID)
HORIZONS STEM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship Program Intent: The Greater Ohio Valley Chapter of WID scholarship program will support females interested in pursuing degrees/certifications in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) field with aspirations to pursue a career within or supporting the defense industry. The application is open to USAF military members, current college students, local high school graduates and graduating seniors, as well as career professionals interested in pursuing degrees/certifications in the STEM field. Our goal is to encourage people of all ages to seek a career in STEM disciplines and to volunteer to serve WID events and/or activities. *The Greater Ohio Valley Chapter of WID Scholarship will be in an amount up to \$2,000 each.*

Program Schedule for 2020 Scholarship Process:

1. Application period – 1-31 March 2020
2. Application Review period – 1-30 April 2020
3. Scholarship winners selected and notified – 1-2 May 2020
4. Scholarship Award Ceremony Luncheon – Thursday, 14 May 2020

Scholarship Presentations: The Greater Ohio Valley Chapter of WID President (or designee) will recognize each awardee at the Sponsorship Award Ceremony on 14 May 2020. While this event is not mandatory, attendance of the scholarship awardees is highly recommended.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must meet all requirements below to be eligible for scholarship award.

1. Be a female accepted to or currently enrolled in an accredited university or institution.
2. A minimum of a 2.5 GPA
3. Be pursuing a degree in a STEM field with aspirations to pursue a career within or supporting the defense industry. (This includes all military services including civil service and careers in related commercial sectors).
4. Be a resident of one of the following counties: Auglaize, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby, and Warren.
5. Scholarship application must be typed.

Previous scholarship awardees are eligible to apply for the scholarship more than once. Being a previous scholarship recipient does not guarantee award for the current scholarship year.

Scholarship Application Guidelines: Follow the guidelines and instructions below while filling out the application:

1. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation letters. Letters must be written and signed by individuals other than family members, and must be dated within the past 12 months. Letters must address why the applicant is a good candidate for scholarships generally.
2. Include proof of enrollment such as letter of acceptance or tuition statement
3. Scholarship Application Section Descriptions:
 - I. Contact Information
 - II. High School Information
 - III. Undergraduate Information – Expected graduation date is applicable to graduation year
 - IV. Achievements, Honors, and Awards Received – This section is applicable to all previous scholarships, awards within your organization or community, achievements within extracurricular activities, peer recognitions, etc.
 - V. Volunteer Work – This section is applicable to base or community involvement that has been completed in the past or is ongoing
 - VI. Leadership Experience/Job History – Leadership Experience includes, but not limited to, the applicant's leadership accomplishments, significant organizational impacts and contributions. Job History includes, but not limited to, the level of responsibilities assigned, new initiatives or techniques developed, mentorship, etc. Experience within the community or in extracurricular activities and sports can be applied in this section.
 - VII. Career Aspirations Essay – Please address all areas below in the essay:
 - a. What are your educational goals (short term and long term)?
 - b. What are your career aspirations supporting the Defense Industry?
 - c. How will you make a difference?
 - d. Why is it important to have women working in the defense industry?

Scholarship Application Submittal: Submit applications to: scholarship@greaterohiovalleywid.com no later than 5:00PM EDT on 31 March 2020.

Contact Information: If you have any questions regarding the application instructions or problems with the fillable PDF please contact us at: scholarship@greaterohiovalleywid.com .

VI. Leadership Experience/Job History:

(Essay format)

VII. Career Aspirations Essay (respond to questions a-d in item VII description above):

VIII. Signature

1. I declare that the information provided by me on the above form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also confirm that in the event that any information provided by me is not true I will forfeit/reimburse the awarded compensation that I received because of me providing the erroneous information.
2. I authorize WID to collect, receive, store, transfer and use any information provided by me, or any information obtained in connection with this application, and to disclose such information to all participating institutions.
3. I authorize WID to verify any information provided by me.
4. I give consent for WID to use this information for any future application made by me.
5. I authorize WID to provide all information and documents provided with and/or obtained in connection with this application to all participating institutions for any purpose connected with my possible selection, admission and/or enrolment in any course at any of those institutions.
6. I authorize WID and the participating institutions to obtain available official records from any educational institution attended by me. I understand that WID is not responsible if any institution does not provide these records.
7. I understand that WID may decline to assess my qualifications if information required for a valid assessment is not available to WID.
8. I understand that a minimum of two (2) reference letters are required to fully complete the application process and they are attached to this application.

Signature

Date

Printed Name