

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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In today's high cost of college tuition, scholarship awards play an important part for many deserving students who anticipate receiving a scholarship to help finance their college education.

The Educational Scholarship Committee encourages each member, club and/or 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 Administrative Handbook. All contributions are to be sent to the GFWC-WS Treasurer – Jeanette Jester.

There are many ways for your club to donate to this fund, including adding the Scholarship Fund as a line item on your Club or District budget is a good way to remember to make donations and Special Event Fundraising would provide monies to support the Educational Scholarship fund and is a great way to raise awareness for the need to keep nurturing young women to attend college. Reach out to your communities and local schools to recruit candidates for the scholarship awards.

There are commendable and worthy students in every local school who deserve a hand up to meet their tuition needs. Get the word out about GFWC-WS Scholarships.

INFORMATION FOR CLUB SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEES:

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 Sandra Groves, GFWC-WS Scholarship Chair. 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.

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-Washington State (GFWC-WS) Convention.
2. Applicants must be sponsored by a dues paying club of GFWC-WS. Only one (1) 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 2024-2025 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, Sandra Groves by the sponsoring club. Only one photo is necessary.
10. Applications must be received by the club no later than February 1st.
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.

2024-2025 Educational Scholarship Application Form

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

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 _____

State your financial need _____

Work experience _____

Volunteer Experience _____

Applicant's Signature _____

This official form must be filled out completely and returned by _____, 2024

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 _____