Women in Aerospace Foundation, Inc.
Scholarship Application
For 2014-2015 Academic Year

Scholarship Program Goal
To encourage young women interested in a career in the aerospace field to pursue higher education degrees in engineering or science or math.

Awards Given
Two merit-based awards of $2000 will be given to rising seniors in college, to be applied to the 2014-2015 academic year.

Scholarship Timeline
- October 1, 2013: Announcement released
- April 11, 2014: Applications due
- May 14, 2014: Scholarship winners notified
- Fall 2014: Scholarship winners honored at WIA Awards Banquet

Eligibility Requirements
- Minimum college grade point average (GPA) of not less than the equivalent of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Must have completed at least two and a half academic years of full-time college work at the time of application, and must be currently enrolled at an accredited college or university in the United States or its territories, working towards a bachelors degree, and plan to continue to be enrolled in the subsequent academic year
- Interested in pursuing a career in the aerospace field
- Entering senior year in the 2013-2014 academic year
- Must be female, of any citizenship or nationality

Application Requirements
- High school and college transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation from a professor, or a supervisor of summer or Co-op work experience, or a supervisor of research work. Recommendations from relatives will not be accepted.
- 500-1000 word essay on why the applicant is interested in aerospace, what she wants to accomplish in her career, and why she deserves the scholarship
- Completed scholarship letter (see below), agreeing to the payment rules

Application Submission Process
One hard (paper) copy with the above application materials to be mailed to:
Women in Aerospace Foundation, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship Selection Committee
204 E Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

Application must be received by April 11, 2014. References or transcripts may be mailed separately, if necessary.
Evaluation Process
The WIA Foundation Scholarship is a merit-based competitive award. The WIA Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee will evaluate applications and select a winner based on the criteria below.

Evaluation Criteria
- Transcripts – 25%
- Recommendation – 25%
- Essay – 50%

Payment of Scholarships
As part of the application process, each scholarship applicant is required to submit a signed scholarship agreement letter, which stipulates that the recipient will use scholarship funds only for her education and will return any unused funds to the Foundation. The Women in Aerospace Foundation, Inc., will confirm the scholarship winner’s enrollment in an accredited college or university directly with the institution’s registrar. Once the enrollment has been confirmed, the Foundation will pay the scholarship by check directly to the winners in August 2014.

Announcement of Scholarship Winner
The scholarship winners will be notified by email and letter by May 14, 2014. The winners will be recognized at the Women in Aerospace Awards Dinner held in the Washington, DC area in the fall of 2014. A press release will be issued with a short description of the winners and her plans for the scholarship, followed by an article in the WIA newsletter.
1. Name

   Last  First  Middle

2. Home Address
   Street
   City  State  Zip  Country

3. Telephone
   Home_________________________
   Cell_________________________
   (Include country and city codes)

4. E-mail Address_________________________

5. Do you prefer that we contact you at by email or phone? __________________________

6. Gender

7. Country of Citizenship

8. College or University

9. Major

10. Number of years of study completed __________________________

11. Date Degree expected __________________________

12. Scholastic record:

   High School:
   Dates attended  Degree & year received  Grade Point Average

   College(s):

Please attach copy of high school and most recent college transcript.
14. List any distinctions, honors, and awards you have received (academic, volunteer, other), beginning in high school. Please provide a brief explanation of each. If you need additional space, please submit information on an attached sheet of paper.

15. List major extracurricular, civic, or community activities in order of importance to you. Please indicate any offices held or honors, and dates of participation.

16. List any aerospace or education-related work experience, such as summer internships, co-op work, research, etc. and what you learned from that experience.

17. In accordance with the U.S. Department of Labor’s request for ethnic data, we would appreciate applicants supplying the following information. Your compliance is strictly voluntary. To which of the following ethnic groups do you belong:

- [ ] African-American or Black
- [ ] Arab, Arab-American
- [ ] Asian, Asian-American or Pacific Islander
- [ ] Caucasian
- [ ] Hispanic
- [ ] Native-American, Indigenous Canadian, or Native Alaskan
- [ ] Other

18. How did you learn about the WIA Scholarship?
19. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Two letters of recommendation are required. Please list below the names, positions, and addresses of persons writing a letter of recommendation, as well as their relationship to you. Recommendation letters must be from a professor, or a supervisor of a summer job, Co-op job, or research work. Recommendations from relatives will not be accepted. It is preferred that recommendation forms be included within your application packet, however, they will be accepted separately, if necessary.

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20. ESSAY QUESTION

The essay must be typed on separate paper, with your name clearly marked at the top of each page. Please number each page. The length of the entire essay should not exceed 1,000 words. The essay should address the three questions below. When discussing why you deserve this scholarship, please keep in mind that the scholarship is merit-based, and not need-based.

Why are you interested in aerospace, what do you want to accomplish in your career, and why do you deserve this scholarship?

21. SIGNATURE

I attest that the information included in this application is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Name: __________________________ (printed)

Signature: ______________________

Date: _________________________
RECOMMENDATION FORM #1:
To be completed by a professor or supervisor of summer, Co-op, or research work.
Due April 11, 2014

(Please type)

Applicant’s Name

Recommender’s Name

Title

Organization Name

Office Telephone

Fax

E-mail Address

Signature:

Directions to the Recommender: Please fill out this recommendation form. A supplemental letter may also be submitted, but it should not take the place of this form. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Women in Aerospace Foundation, Inc. is seeking college women entering their senior year, interested in pursuing a career in aerospace. The WIA Foundation appreciates your commenting as thoroughly as possible regarding the applicant, her strengths and weaknesses, and her potential for a successful career in the aerospace field.

1. How are you acquainted with the candidate? How long have you known her?
2. The WIA Foundation Scholarship Program is an initiative to help prepare women for a career in aerospace by pursuing higher education degrees in engineering or science or math. Where do you see the applicant in her profession five years from now? What is her potential?

3. Please recount a project or other school or work-related situation that illustrates the applicant’s strengths. What special talents and abilities set her apart from others in her field of study?
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