



womanspace
scholarship application

RULES FOR ELIGIBILITY — CANDIDATES MUST:

1. Be a resident of Winnebago, Boone or Ogle County.
2. Be an enrolled senior at a Winnebago, Boone or Ogle County public or private high school.
3. Have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 out of 4.0.
4. Have a chosen academic field of study in **FINE ARTS** (includes visual arts: drawing, sculpting, painting, art education; also music, dance, theater, or architecture). Applications without an identified major will not be considered.
5. Fulfill all requirements of the application process. **APPLICATIONS THAT ARE INCOMPLETE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**
6. Children and grandchildren of Womanspace employees, board members and scholarship selection committee are ineligible.

CRITERIA FOR AWARD SELECTION

- Academic achievements that indicate a high potential for success in post-secondary education (includes review of transcripts, ACT/SAT scores, scholastic achievements and awards).
- Level of involvement in school and/or community activities that indicates engagement and leadership.
- Completed description of projected financial expenses and resources as stated in page 2 of application.
- Strength of essay written for application. **(Limit of two pages with a legible font no smaller than 10pt, double spaced).**
- Submission of at least two letters of recommendation (three or four are encouraged). At least one of the letters must be written by a teacher from an area of discipline outlined in the application criteria.
- Classification as a graduating senior by the time the award is granted, followed by proof of course registration at an accredited college or university for the 2026-2027 academic year.

PROCEDURES:

- It is recommended that candidates work closely with their school counselors while processing this application. A final signature from a high school counselor is required.
- All parts of the application must be readable. Electronic submission is strongly preferred. Email with "Womanspace Scholarship" in the subject line to: krisilizie@mac.com.
- The scholarship committee will review all eligible applications. Candidates will be scored based on the quality of the overall application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded. Awardee will be notified no later than April 30, 2026.

Please mail all application documents to one of the following addresses:

Mailing address: Womanspace Scholarship 2026
3720 Highcrest Road
Rockford IL 61107

Email address: krisilizie@mac.com (subject line: Womanspace Scholarship)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2026

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Student's First Name Middle Last Name

Street Address City State Zip

Telephone Date of Birth: Month/Day/Year

Father's Full Name Mother's Full Name

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____ GPA: _____ ACT/SAT Score: _____

High School (Full Name): _____

HS Counselor: _____ Telephone: _____

What subject (s) will you be studying? _____

I have applied for admittance in the fall to the following colleges or universities:

My academic major will be _____

How did you find out about this scholarship? _____

Applicant's Full Signature Date

High School Counselor's Signature Date

I. BIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY (must be typed)

Please attach a biographical essay that includes your Fine Arts interest and future goals upon completing college. Include within your essay your description of the following: "How artistic expression has empowered me to be a positive influence in my community." **(Limit of two pages with a legible font no smaller than 10pt, double spaced)**

II. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR FINANCIAL NEEDS FOR THE FIRST YEAR.

A. Projected Expenses:

i.e., tuition, books, room & board (Information can usually be found in the college catalog or on the college's website.)

B. Estimate your financial resources to help meet these needs:

1. What federal and/or state loan/grants are you eligible to receive (for example, Pell grant)?

2. What other scholarship(s) have you been granted and/or applied for?

3. Other: (e.g. Education Funds):

III. EXTRA-CURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

A. I have participated in the following extra-curricular activities at school (list activity and date)

B. I have served in leadership positions at school and/or earned the following honors or awards (list service & date):

IV. COMMUNITY SERVICE

A. I have contributed the following volunteer service to my community (church, cultural and civic organizations, etc.):

B. I have served in the following leadership position(s) in the community or earned the following recognition:

V. ATTACH AT LEAST TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. At least one of the letters must be written by a teacher from an area of discipline outlined in the application criteria.

VI. ATTACH YOUR OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT, COMPLETE WITH ACT OR SAT SCORE.

VII. SIGN THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT

If selected, I agree to submit a suitable photo that may be used with my biographical information for media coverage of the awards ceremony and also promotion of the scholarship fund.

Student's Signature