



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MILITARY WOMEN OF COLOR

2024-2025 Scholarship Application

The purpose of International Association of Women of Color (I AM WOC) is to Inspire, Always Empower, and Mentor people, with a focus on women of color, through our partnerships with other organizations sharing like visions and goals. Our mission is to enhance education in communities while serving to make a difference in the lives of military women of color, veterans, and family members.

I AM WOC is committed to assisting aspiring students who plan to enroll in two-year or four-year college/university. We are proud to award scholarships based on scholastic record, community service, extracurricular activities, and essay responses to eligible students.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered for a scholarship the applicant must:

- Be a graduating high school senior who is planning to attend either an accredited two-year or four-year college/university as a full-time student the Fall following high school graduation.
- Be a veteran or veteran family member, military service member, or military family member who plans to attend an accredited two-year or four-year college/university as a full-time student in the Fall of the current calendar year.
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale at the time of submission.
- Be a military ID holder or have a DD214.

ELIGIBLE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING

- A completed and legible application (preferably typed or printed in black ink).
- Official high school/college transcript in a sealed envelope.
- Passport size (head shot only) photograph attached to the application.
- 1–2-page essay typed using 12-point Times New Roman font and double-spaced.
 - Select ONE of the topics below:**
 - How will my career goals impact my community?
 - How has the military or military personnel made a significant impact on my life?
 - How has a specific public service experience impacted my personal aspirations?
- Three letters of recommendation on **official letterhead signed and in a sealed envelope from each of the following:**
 - High school/college instructor
 - High school administrator or academic advisor



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- Community organization sponsor or leader who has witnessed or supervised your community service if applicable

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

- **Academic Achievement Award** - An applicant with high scholastic accomplishments as evidenced by GPA, awards, honors and other distinctions and participation in extracurricular school activities and/or community organizations (Minimum GPA 3.0 on 4.0 scale).
- **Community Service Award** - An applicant who provides services to the school or community through involvement in organizations, volunteer groups, or extracurricular activities.
- **Military Leadership Award** - An applicant who is a woman of color and demonstrates leadership abilities by holding offices and/or chairing a committee in civic or school organizations.
- **Book Award** - Awarded to an applicant who was not selected as a recipient of one of the above scholarships, but whose achievements warrant recognition.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AND DISBURSEMENT

- Award recipients will be notified by the 2nd week in May; and if available, attend the I AM WOC Conference for recognition.
- Scholarship checks will be disbursed upon receipt of enrollment verification from the registrar's office from the selected college/university indicating full time enrollment for the Fall.
- Upon receipt of the enrollment verification, the scholarship check will be sent directly to the student via certified mail.
- If the I AM WOC Scholarship Committee has not received the official enrollment verification by 01 October 2025 or the recipient does not attend a two- or four-year college/university during the Fall, the scholarship award will be forfeited.

The Scholarship Application is available at www.scholarship@iamwoc.org. Eligible students should download and complete all sections of the application and upload the application with all supporting documentation to: www.scholarship@iamwoc.org. Applications must be emailed no later than 14 March 2025. Applications emailed after **14 March 2025** will not be accepted. If you have any questions, please email the Scholarship Committee at scholarship@iamwoc.org, or contact Dr. Karlotta Richards at (410) 271-3406 via text message.



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All information submitted on this application will be held confidential for review by the Scholarship Committee of International Association of Military Women of Color.

INFORMATION [PLEASE PRINT]		
NAME: (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		
ADDRESS:		
CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE		
HOME PHONE:	CELL PHONE:	EMAIL:
Indicate Military ID Affiliation if applicable		
STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> Civilian *Attach supporting document (e.g., DD214)		
School Information		
Name of High School/College		Expected Date of Graduation
School Counselor/Academic Advisor:		GPA: (unweighted)
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION		
The letters of recommendations must be on the institution and volunteer organization's letterhead. The persons writing the recommendation should comment upon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The length of time they have known you Your personal qualities, character, leadership abilities and any other special attributes Why they believe you have the perseverance to succeed at the college/university level 		
Instructor Name	Contact Number & email address	
School Administrator/Advisor	Contact Number & email address	
Community Leader Name	Contact Number & email address	
ESSAY		
On a separate sheet of paper write a 1–2-page essay, typed, using 12-point times Roman font and double-spaced, on one of the topics below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will my career goals impact my community? How the military or military personnel has made a significant impacted on my life? How has a specific public service experience impacted my personal aspirations? 		



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School Extracurricular Activities (Include school sports teams, school clubs, and organizations). Be specific in describing your position and length of involvement. Limit your responses to the space provided. Briefly describe any activities that are not self-explanatory.

Name of Group/Activity	Months/Years Participated	Leadership Position(s)

See Addendum for additional space

Community Service and Volunteer Activities that did not provide any form of payment, compensation, exchange of services, or class credit. An organization can only be listed once. Community service activities cannot be job-related, or performed in the interest of family, or self, nor activities for which the student will earn a grade. Church or religious activities such as, Sunday school teacher, singing in the choir, usher board member, church youth council, etc. are acceptable community services.

Name of Organization/Activity	Responsibility	Frequency

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Honors and Awards (e.g., academic, athletic, community and/or school awards)

Award	Date of Award	Reason (s) for Award

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Work Experience: Please list your work experience during high school or college.

Employer	Position	From/To	Hours Worked

Release Statement

I/We agree that if chosen as a recipient, IAM WOC may make reasonable use of the recipient's name/picture for community purposes.

Student Signature Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature
(If student is currently under the age of 18) Date



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Certification

I/We hereby acknowledge that the information submitted on this application is true, complete, and accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief. I/We understand that falsification or misrepresentation of the information contained herein will disqualify the applicant from scholarship consideration.

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Photo Attachment





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