



Women of Distinction Network's Scholarship 2020

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1. **DEADLINE** for scholarship applications is **February 8, 2020**. (No exceptions)
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements. Refer to application process below for a list of supporting documents needed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you. You may also download a copy of the applications online: www.wodn.org
4. WODN will notify all winners by phone on or before **February 29, 2020**. You can also check the award status and winners on our website at www.wodn.org.
5. If you have any questions about the application process, please email WODN at wodnsc@gmail.com.

Purpose: Our mission is to “provide positive mentorship to young females as they transition into adulthood, motivate women, and enhance the lives of victims that are in need within our community.” We believe that promoting higher education is an integral part in what we believe and would like to provide assistance to young females and women to help make their educational journey possible.

Award Components: Women of Distinction Network will provide approximately ten recipients with a new laptop computer to reward students who have made a positive change in their lives or is a survivor of HUSH Topics: domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, or sex trafficking.

Award Impact: Women of Distinction Network will provide ten recipients with a new laptop computer that can assist with cost incurred for a higher education. The scholarship will assist the recipient in becoming better prepared to enter the workforce and become a positive role model in our community.

Award Criteria:

1. Applicant must attend a technical college or four year institution.
2. Applicant must be a senior level high school student or already attending a technical college or four year institution.
3. Applicant must be a **U.S. Citizen and permanent South Carolina resident** with a valid **South Carolina identification card**.
4. Applicant must be present for the organization's Scholarship Banquet to receive award on **March 14, 2020**.
5. Applicant must be willing to take a picture to upload on the organization's website (Your picture will only be displayed for scholarship award purposes. WODN will not use your picture in any other capacity)

Application Process:

Applicant must upload the following item as one complete application package:

1. Completed application form (if hand written, please print legibly)
2. Two (2) character references that can say how you've made a positive change or verify your adversity.
3. College acceptance letter
4. Proof of enrollment form or printout. **Proof of enrollment** must be provided before receiving a laptop.
5. Personal essay.

DEADLINE for the application is **February 15, 2020**. Applications received after 11:59 PM will not be considered. Incomplete applications or previous winners will not be considered. **Announcement of scholarship recipients: February 29, 2020.**

Please email your application to:

Women of Distinction Network
ATTN: Scholarship Coordinator
wodnsc@gmail.com



Women of Distinction Network's Scholarship Application 2020

Please type or print your answers clearly. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.

1. Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

2. Email address: _____

3. Mailing Address:

Street _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

4. Daytime Telephone Number: _____

5. Date of Birth: Month _____ Day: _____ Year _____

6. I certify that I am a United States Citizen or a permanent resident of the United States of America (Circle One) YES NO

7. Current school I am enrolled in:

8. School I will be attending in the Fall:

_____ **Must be an accredited institution**

9. Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Please skip if you are over 18 years of age

Name(s) _____

Street: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____

10. What is your major/degree?

11. List your academic honors, awards and membership activities:

12. List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interest and extracurricular activities:

13. Personal essay. Attach your personal essay to the application.

Please choose from the below list of essay questions and construct an essay [600 words maximum]

1. As a woman I feel I am empowered to...

2. As a woman I feel it is my duty to society to...

3. As a woman, explain the importance of receiving a higher education.

4. Explain a situation where you felt overlooked because you were a woman and how did you overcome it.

5. As a survivor of _____, I have overcome by experiences by.....



14. A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.

B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application (No exceptions)

C. Complete the checklist below to be sure you have attached each item as required.

Completed signed application form

Two (2) character references that can say how you've made a positive change or overcame adversity

College acceptance letter

College enrollment form

Personal essay

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote Women of Distinction Network's scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at an accredited institution before my laptop can be awarded. I also understand that I must attend the Annual Scholarship Banquet on March 14, 2020.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____