



# 2024 Scholarship Application

## ***2024 Scholarship Instructions***

The AWC Advancement Fund is a charitable not-for-profit organization. Formed in 2018, the AWC Advancement Fund is dedicated to professional development and educational opportunities for women in all disciplines of communications.

## ***Purpose of Scholarship***

The AWC Advancement Fund scholarship program is open to women pursuing a degree in the communications field. Scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 will be awarded to actively engaged women seeking education for a career in a communications field.

## ***Eligibility***

To be eligible for a scholarship:

- Applicants must be accepted and enrolled at a college or university in pursuit of an undergraduate or graduate level degree.
- Applicants must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have completed their freshmen year of undergraduate study or be a full-time graduate student, enrolled in a minimum of 9 hours.
- Applicants must be continuing as a full-time student for the 2024-2025 academic term enrolled in classes with a major or minor in a communications field. The scholarship is a one-time award for the 2024-2025 academic year. The award is non-transferrable.
- Applicants must submit a completed scholarship application with accompanying materials by the designated deadline.

## ***Timeline***

- Scholarship applications are due **April 15, 2024**.
- Applicants awarded a scholarship will be notified by **May 15, 2024**.

## ***Award***

- The recipients will be notified by email and/or phone by May 15, 2024.
- Scholarship proceeds will be distributed directly to the student's institution of choice.
- Scholarships will be awarded at **\$5,000** each.
- A high-resolution, professional headshot photo of applicant for marketing/promotional announcement use is required.

## ***Application Process***

The following guidelines must be adhered to and this completed application must be submitted to be considered for this scholarship.

1. Submit completed application form. All fields require a response.
2. Submit a copy of your current, official, certified transcript including cumulative GPA.
3. Submit a 400–700-word essay describing why the applicant chose the communications field, how the applicant will use the profession to make a difference, and how the scholarship, if awarded, will make a difference in their ability to complete their education.
4. Submit two letters of recommendation from professors or people with academic or professional experience in communications.
5. Submit a resume listing academic, awards, community, and employment activities.
6. All applications and other documents shall be emailed to [awcadvfund@gmail.com](mailto:awcadvfund@gmail.com). For additional questions, contact the AWC Advancement Fund at 417-409-2492.

## ***Selection Process***

The AWC Advancement Fund board shall be the sole decision-maker regarding the award of any scholarships, based on application materials provided. Its decision will be final. The AWC Advancement Fund reserves the right to discard any essays or applications containing inappropriate content (as determined by the AWC Advancement Fund, in its sole discretion), which will disqualify the application. Neither the AWC Advancement Fund, nor any of its directors, or officers, shall be liable for any claims related to the application for scholarships or the rejection or selection of scholarship recipients. The Fund is not responsible for use of copyrighted materials. Once submitted, essays become the property of the AWC Advancement Fund and may be used on marketing and social media formats.



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**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY**

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's complete home address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's School Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

AWC Chapter Affiliation, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

**RESUME**

Attach a resume listing academic, awards, community, and employment activities.

**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY & PLAGIARISM DISCLAIMER**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the AWC Advancement Fund is true, correct and without forgery. I understand if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds will be awarded.

I declare that this submission is my own work.

Signature of scholarship applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**College Contact Information**

Name of College you will be attending Fall 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

College Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

College Bursar Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Recipient selection is based on:**

- Positive contributions to communications on campus and/or in the community.
- Academic achievement.
- Quality of essay and letters of recommendation.
- Commitment to completing a communications degree.
- Preference will be given to membership in a former AWC chapter.

**The deadline to submit this application for scholarship funds to the AWC Advancement Fund is by 5 p.m. CT, April 15, 2024.**



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## **ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS & CONSENT TO PUBLISH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby give AWC Advancement Fund full rights to publish my name, where I live (city, state; street address and phone numbers will not be disclosed), my pertinent family information, college I am attending, and photographs that I have provided. I also consent that my picture may be used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the AWC Advancement Fund Scholarship Program.

I understand that by execution of this agreement, I am relinquishing my rights to any future compensation for reproduction, publication, or use of the above information by the AWC Advancement Fund in its print or electronic correspondence or on its website.

I hereby specifically waive my right to review or approve THE MODIFICATION of the above information. (Modifications may be made to accommodate size or content restrictions. Modifications will not be made to distort or falsify any information provided.)

I understand that this Agreement in no way obligates AWC Advancement Fund to publish or use the above-described information.

SIGNED this date \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)