

The Texas Conference for Women Scholarship

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

The Texas Conference for Women was created to serve as a statewide forum, which would both educate and inspire the women of Texas. In an effort to expand upon this mission, the Texas Conference for Women is pleased to announce that it will be awarding financial scholarships to six Texas women pursuing higher education in Texas. A \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of the following career categories:

- The Arts
- Business
- Education
- Nursing
- Math and Science
- Public Service

A panel of judges from each category will make the scholarship selections. The scholarship will only be applied and mailed directly to the specific academic or work program identified by the recipient. Applications should be mailed to:

The Texas Conference for Women
Conference Scholarships
P.O. Box 12944
Austin, Texas 78711

Thank you for your interest in the Scholarship program. Scholarship winners must be present at the 2008 Texas Conference for Women, scheduled for October 16, 2008 at the George L. Brown Convention Center in Houston. **All completed applications must include official academic transcript(s) for the past two years, three letters of recommendation, an essay, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope.** The scholarship application must be postmarked by June 1, 2008. Scholarship winners will be notified by Wednesday, August 27, 2008.

Sincerely,



Johnita Jones
Board President



Nene Foxhall
Board Member



Jan Newton
Board Member

The Texas Conference for Women

Important Dates to Remember:

- January 22nd - June 1st : Completed applications accepted
- June 1st : Completed applications deadline
- June 1st - August 20th : Recipients selected by independent panels of judges
- August 20th - August 27th : Inform all applicants
- October 16th : Texas Conference for Women, Scholarships awarded

2008 Scholarship Requirements

___ I meet the following scholarship criteria:

- Accepted to an accredited Texas institution of higher education as a full or part-time student
- Currently meet Texas residency status for admission and tuition purposes at the institution of higher education in Texas that the scholarship will go towards. If you are unclear about your residency then please check with the institution of higher education you plan to attend.

Scholarship Application Completion Policy

All required documents for the scholarship application must be received in one complete packet.

If an official transcript cannot be included in the application packet due to school policy, please indicate below the expected date of arrival for the transcript and the name of the school. Official transcripts will only be accepted in an unopened envelope within the application packet or directly from the school(s). On-line transcripts and grade reports are not acceptable.

Exceptions will NOT be made for recommendation letters.

I have enclosed **ALL** of the following in my application package:

___ Completed Application Form – (**Typed only**. Handwritten or incomplete applications will not be considered. **No Staples Please.**)

___ Completed authorization form for credential and background security check

___ Essay: Autobiographical information and career plans

___ **Three** letters of recommendation: 1) Employer, 2) Academic and 3) Personal
(If not employed, a second academic recommendation may be substituted.)

___ Self-addressed, stamped envelope (for notification purposes).

___ Official academic transcript for the **past two years** from your most recent educational institution(s).

*If separate from application, transcript(s) must be mailed directly from an institution and postmarked by May 30, 2008. If transcripts are being mailed directly from the institution(s), please list the name of the institution(s) and approximate date of delivery:

*(Your application package **must be complete and mailed in one package** in order to be considered for a scholarship.)*

If this completion policy is not followed, the application will not be considered for a scholarship. Please provide an email address if you would like us to notify you if the application is received incomplete:

Email address: _____

Selection of Recipients

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of volunteer community service, academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities. Honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances and/or financial need will also be considered in scholarship recipient selection.

* Top candidates may be asked to participate in a brief telephone interview. Winners will be required to participate in a scholarship video to be presented at the conference luncheon.

Please provide the school financial aid address where scholarship awards should be sent. (Funds will be applied directly toward tuition and the specific scholarship program on this application. The funds will arrive at the respective institution no later than December 2008.)

Contact Name: _____

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

* Scholarship winners will be notified by telephone. Awards will be presented on October 16, 2008 in Houston, Texas at the 2008 Texas Conference for Women. Winners are required to be in attendance and will receive one additional ticket for a guest.

* All other applicants will receive notification by mail after August 20, 2008.

AUTHORIZATION FORM FOR APPLICANT'S CREDENTIAL AND BACKGROUND SECURITY CHECK

In connection with the Texas Conference for Women (TCW) and its evaluation of my suitability as a scholarship recipient, I hereby authorize the TCW to perform all checks of my credentials as allowed by law, including, but not limited to, discussions with: supervisors, co-workers, friends, business associates and/or other individuals that TCW, in its sole discretion, believes may be relevant information regarding my suitability for a scholarship. I further authorize TCW to perform a criminal background check.

Applications will not be considered without complete information and signature below.

SIGNATURE

DATE SIGNED

NAME PRINTED

____ - ____ - ____
SOCIAL SECURITY #

DRIVER'S LICENSE # STATE

____ / ____ / ____
DATE OF BIRTH

The Texas Conference for Women

2008 Scholarship Application Form

Please Select One:

- The Arts
- Business
- Education
- Nursing
- Math and Science
- Public Service

I will use my scholarship to attend:

Name of Institution _____

Program _____

Personal Information:

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Current Street Address City State Zip

Permanent Street Address City State Zip

Daytime Telephone Evening Telephone Permanent Telephone

Email Address

Please note: In the following application sections (i.e. Education, Employment, etc.) list all information in chronological order with the most recent first. Any additional information or resume should be attached to the application.

Education

Name of School #1 Dates Attended

Major Degree Granted

Name of School #2 Dates Attended

Major Degree Granted

Name of School #3 Dates Attended

Major Degree Granted

Please note: Include official transcripts for the past two years from your current/past educational institution(s).

Employment

Employer #1 Address

Telephone Position Salary

Dates Employed Reason for Leaving

Employer #2 Address

Telephone Position Salary

Dates Employed Reason for Leaving

Employer #3 Address

Telephone Position Salary

Dates Employed Reason for Leaving

Community Activities: _____

Please list civic and volunteer activities in which you have been involved. Be sure to list the organization, activities performed, position, responsibilities and the approximate dates of involvement for each.

Special Interests and Skills: _____

References:

Please provide the information regarding your three letters of reference from persons who are qualified to give an evaluation of your character, ability and accomplishments.

Employer Reference

Name	Title	Organization
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Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Telephone

Personal Reference

Name	Title	Organization
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Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Telephone

Academic Reference

Name Title Organization

Street Address City State Zip

Telephone

Essay: Autobiographical Information and Career Plans

Answers for the essay portion of the application must be typed and double-spaced not to exceed four pages or 1,200 words.

Write a short biography about yourself including the following:

1. A clear statement of your financial need.
2. Any personal challenges you have experienced followed by how you have and/or plan to overcome these obstacles.
3. Your plans for the future and why you deserve the Texas Conference for Women Scholarship.

____ I certify that all of the above information is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature Date

Important Note: All documents submitted become the property of The Texas Conference for Women. Documents will not be returned.