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Women in Technology Scholarship

2021 Application

Women in Technology Scholarship

A Zonta International Program, Funded through the Zonta Foundation for Women

General Information

The world economy continues to leverage and build upon the digital revolution, and industry is becoming critically dependent on information technology. Further, these developments are increasingly disrupting society and familiar social processes. Women, however, are still largely underrepresented in decisions as they relate to information technology and how they impact our world now and into the future. To create a world in which men and women have equal opportunities, women need to have an active role in the field of information technology and access to leadership roles such as chief information officers (CIOs) and chief technology officers (CTOs). Zonta International is pleased to support the Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship to encourage women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in information technology.

The Scholarship

The Women in Technology Scholarships are awarded to women of any age and nationality, pursuing an information technology (IT) degree at an accredited university/college/institute, who demonstrate outstanding potential in the field. Online students are also eligible to apply if enrolled at an accredited university/college/institute. Zonta International will offer up to 20 scholarships of US\$8,000 each.

Who is Eligible?

- Women of any age and nationality, pursuing an information technology (IT) degree at an accredited university/college/institute, who demonstrate an outstanding academic record during their academic studies, including information technology subjects. Online students are also eligible to apply if enrolled at an accredited university/college/institute.
- Demonstrated initiative, ambition and commitment to pursuing a career in information technology.
- Enrolled in at least the second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a post graduate program at the time the application is submitted.
- Applicants must be in school at the time the scholarship funds are disbursed and must not graduate before April 2022.
- Golden Z club members may apply.
- Classified members and employees of Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women, and their family members (ancestors, descendants, adoptees, siblings, nieces or cousins, and those of their spouse or cohabiting partner), are not eligible to apply.

What are the Requirements?

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Be enrolled in at least the second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a post graduate program at the time the application is submitted. A verification of current enrollment must be submitted with the application. Acceptance letters are not verification of enrollment and will not be accepted.
- Demonstrate a superior academic record at a recognized university or college with accredited courses in information technology (IT) studies as verified by official transcripts and recommendations.
- Applicant must be enrolled in an information technology (IT) degree program by 15 October 2021 and must not graduate before April 2022.

How do I apply?

Applicants may apply for the 2021 Women in Technology Scholarship at <https://zontainternationalwomenintechnology.awardspring.com> and include:

- Zonta International Verification of Current Enrollment form or official statement from the university/college registrar.
- List and include official detailed transcripts of grades or equivalent records from all universities, colleges, or institutions attended, including undergraduate institutions and degrees received. In programs where graduate transcripts are not provided as a matter of institutional policy, please provide a statement of that policy from the registrar or other school official. (**Important note:** please do not upload electronic transcripts, or links to electronic copies directly from the university, as the documents may have expiration dates to review and/or request for a password to access the file. **Please scan official transcripts in color and save as a PDF and upload the saved copy. Please ensure all transcripts are legible.**) **Do not upload unofficial transcripts** as they will not be accepted.
- List and include translated transcripts in English of all grades from all universities, colleges or institutions attended.
- Two confidential recommendations from a faculty member in the major field of study, academic advisor, organization supervisor or volunteer supervisor. Note that a faculty member in the major field of study must be one of the referees. (*Classified members and employees of Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women are not eligible to write recommendation letters for applicants.*)
- List scholarships and honors received, if any.
- All non-English documents must be translated into English to be considered.
- Information other than official transcripts and recommendations must be limited to the space provided; attachments, articles, pamphlets, books, curriculum vitae or other publications are not requested and will not be considered.

How are the recipients selected and notified?

The Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship Committee reviews the applications and recommends recipients to the Zonta International Board. All applicants are evaluated on the criteria stated in the requirements section of the application. All details of the evaluations are kept confidential; evaluations are not disclosed to applicants. All applicants will be notified of their status by February 2022.

How may I use the scholarship funds?

1. The scholarship may be used for any expenses that support the achievement of a degree in information technology (IT) or closely related field.
2. The payment of US\$8,000 is planned for May 2022 subject to any U.S. sanctions regulations.
3. For domestic and foreign recipients studying in the United States, Scholarship funds used for tuition, books, fees, supplies or required equipment for the program of study are not considered taxable income. Withholding taxes may be required on funds used for living expenses or other non-qualified expenses, e.g., room, board or travel to conferences.
4. Recipients are not permitted to defer the Scholarship.
5. Recipients may accept additional grants and scholarships from other sources.

Deadline

The 2021 Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship application must be submitted **by 15 October 2021** to be considered.

Application for Women in Technology Scholarship

For Information Only

Note that this document is for preparation purposes only. All applications must be completed in English and submitted using the online application form at <https://zontainternationalwomenintechonology.awardspring.com>. Hard copy and email applications will not be accepted.

Name: _____
Last (Family) First Middle

Current mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Email address: _____ Telephone: _____

LinkedIn address: _____

Twitter handle: _____

Permanent mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Home email address: _____ Telephone: _____

Birth date: _____ Birthplace: _____ Country of citizenship: _____
(date/month/year)

Name of university/college/institute currently attending: _____

Current year of study: _____

Department: _____ Major/field of study: _____

Plans for study under the Women in Technology Scholarship: _____

Degree sought: _____

Expected graduation date: _____

Academic Background

Your application must include official detailed transcripts of grades or equivalent records from all universities, colleges, or institutions attended, including undergraduate institutions. An explanation of the grading system must be included for each transcript. In programs where graduate transcripts are not provided as a matter of institutional policy, please provide a statement of that policy from the registrar or other school official. (Note: please **do not** upload electronic transcripts, or links to electronic copies, directly from the university as the documents may have expiration dates to review and/or request for a password to access the file. Please scan official transcripts and/or save as a PDF and upload the saved copy in color. Please ensure all transcripts are legible.) **Do not** upload **unofficial transcripts** as they will not be accepted.

In the tables below, please list the institutions you have attended:

University/College	(Year) to (Year)	Major Field	Degree	Date Degree Received/ Anticipated

Employment History:

From (month/year)	To (month/year)	Name of Employer	Address	Type of work or position held

Scholarships, Fellowships, Honors Received (please give dates):

	(Year) to (Year)

Other Activities

(please describe your volunteer, non-scholastic activities, memberships and cultural interests):

Recommendations

Please use the following fields to name and send a recommendation letter request to one faculty member in the major field of study and one to an organization supervisor, employer, volunteer supervisor or academic advisor. Note that a faculty member in the major field of study must be one of the referees. These recommendations are confidential, and you will not be able to view the completed responses, although you will be able to see the status of the request at any point in time. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure these recommendations have been turned in by the deadline.

Please list below those referees who will submit recommendations:

Name	Position	Title	College/university/institute/company
1.			
2.			

Declaration by Applicant

I certify that all of the information contained in my application form is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I waive any right to review the letters of reference and attest these letters have been written in confidence.

_____ Date

_____ Signature (Type full name here)

Data Protection

Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women take the security of your data seriously. We will never sell, trade or rent your personal information provided in this application to third parties. By submitting this application you agree to the use of your data in accordance with the *Privacy Policy and Publicity Authorization Form* contained in the application documents.

(Please check the appropriate items.)

How did you learn of the Women in Technology Scholarship?

Checklist to be completed by applicant

Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/>	Official Detailed Transcripts (from all universities/colleges/institutions attended)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Department/Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	Translated Transcripts in English (from all universities/colleges/institutions attended)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Directory of Grants at University Financial Aid Office	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommendations (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Directory of Grants not at University (e.g., public libraries)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommendation Waiver Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Website (name):		Verification of Current Enrollment Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Previous WIT recipient (name):		Signature	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zonta Club of:			
Other:			

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION AND GOALS

(Please type essay in English.)

In 500 words or less, please describe your academic and/or professional goals, the relevance of your program in the technology field, and how the Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship will assist you in reaching your goals. (Essays cannot exceed 500 words to be considered.)



Zonta International Recommendation for the Women in Technology Scholarship

Please return this form by: _____

_____ Applicant's Signature is required

Applicant: _____
Last (Family) Name
First
Middle

Recommendation from: _____
Name
Position/Title

_____ College/university/institute/employer

The applicant above has applied for a Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship. The Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship Evaluation Committee greatly values and appreciates your opinion. Please discuss the applicant's accomplishments; current academic program and/or work experience; intellectual independence; capacity for analytical thinking; ability to organize and express ideas clearly; creativity; motivation; and potential for learning and succeeding in the technology related program. You may write your recommendation letter on letterhead of your choice, sign and must submit with this form.

How well do you know the applicant? _____

Please rate the applicant with respect to your experience with other students/employees in this field/position:

- | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Exceptional | Very Good | Good | Average | Below Average | Insufficient opportunity |
| Top 5% | Next 10% | Next 15% | Next 30% | Last 40% | to observe |

Signature is required

Date



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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Exceptional | Very Good | Good | Average | Below Average | Insufficient opportunity |
| Top 5% | Next 10% | Next 15% | Next 30% | Last 40% | to observe |

Signature is required Date



Verification of Current Enrollment Form Women in Technology Scholarship

I certify that _____ is currently in
(Name)

_____ at _____
(department) (university/college)

and is enrolled in a _____ Degree.

(Signature of registrar) (Date) (Expected graduation date)

(Official University/College Stamp)



Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship Program

Privacy Policy and Publicity Authorization

Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women are committed to honoring the privacy and wishes of all of our Women in Technology Scholarship recipients at all times. In order to do this, please read the following information carefully and indicate your agreement as appropriate.

1. Most data collected by Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women is used only to help Zonta better serve its scholarship recipients. It is our general policy to collect and store only personal information that our recipients knowingly provide. Zonta does not sell, trade, or rent your personally identifying information to third parties. Except as described in paragraph two, we take reasonable measures not to disclose personally identifying information about you.

I have read the above paragraph and agree to the Terms and Conditions therein.

2. From time to time, Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women conducts various marketing activities to promote the Women in Technology Scholarship Program. In addition, to ensure Zonta's ability to fund the scholarships, the Zonta Foundation for Women may from time to time provide information to donors to the Women in Technology Scholarship Fund about recipients of their donations. Zonta retains the right to use your name, photograph and biographical information to promote the Women in Technology Scholarships in various promotional materials, including the website.

I have read the above paragraph and agree to the Terms and Conditions therein.

Signature is required

Date

Please print your name