



Women of Distinction Network's Scholarship 2017

P.O. Box 291273
Columbia, SC 29229

1. **DEADLINE** for scholarship applications is **February 26, 2017**. (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 **March 12, 2017**. 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 citizens 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 five recipients with a brand new laptop computer that rewards students who have made a positive change in their lives.

Award Impact: Women of Distinction Network will provide five 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.

Award Criteria:

1. Applicant must be registered in 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 or permanent resident with a permanent resident ID card.
4. Applicant must be present for the organization's Scholarship Banquet to receive award.
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 submit the following items:

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.
3. College acceptance letter and enrollment form. **Proof of enrollment** must be provided before receiving a laptop.
4. Letter of application addressed to WODN stating their intent to apply for the scholarship.
5. Personal essay.

DEADLINE for the application is **February 26, 2017**. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered. Incomplete applications or previous winners will not be considered.

Announcement of scholarship recipients: March 12, 2017.

Please mail or email your application to:

Women of Distinction Network
ATTN: Scholarship Coordinator
P.O. Box 291273
Columbia, SC 29229
wodnsc@gmail.com



Women of Distinction Network's Scholarship Application 2017

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. If you have children or plan to have children, what are the biggest traits you plan to teach them to be better members of society?



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. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure your have attached each item as required.

YES	NO	Completed signed application form
YES	NO	Two (2) character references that can say how you've made a positive change
YES	NO	College acceptance letter and enrollment form
YES	NO	Letter of application addressed to WODN stating their intent to apply for the scholarship
YES	NO	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 scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____