

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of convenience and comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Women In Focus, Inc. 2017 Scholarship Information

Women In Focus, Inc. Scholarship Program

Each year, Women In Focus, Inc., a Madison-area women’s service organization, awards scholarships to deserving college-bound male and female students of color whose achievements and goals embody the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King. Proceeds from the organization’s annual “I Have A Dream” Scholarship Banquet and Ball and other fundraising activities are used to fund the awards.

The majority of scholarships awarded are for graduating high school students. These awards are the “Women In Focus” scholarships.

In addition, we have the opportunity to award the following continuing adult college student scholarships:

- Miss Annie Mae Scholarship
- Al and Jan Studesville Scholarship

The size of each scholarship is determined annually, with minimum individual awards of \$2000.

Requirements:

1. Must be a student of color
2. Must have a minimum of a 2.5 G.P.A.
3. Must be a current high school senior or returning college student
4. Must be graduating from a Dane County High School*
5. Must be attending an institute of higher education in Dane County if a continuing adult college student
6. Must present evidence of high school or GED equivalent education
7. **Graduate students are not eligible for any of the awards.**

**Applies to “Women In Focus” scholarship only*

Preference may be given to those who:

1. Demonstrate a financial need
2. Demonstrate a spirit of community involvement and academic achievement
3. Will be first generation college

Upon the receipt of a scholarship award, recipients will be honored and expected to attend a Scholarship Recognition Reception in April. Award checks will be mailed to recipients commencing in August, once proof of college enrollment and course registration documentation has been provided.

Application Packet Requirements

Only applications that are completed and postmarked by **February 15, 2017**, will be reviewed. **There will be no exceptions.** Women In Focus, Inc. Scholarship applications are complete only if the following items are submitted:

1. Applicant Information Sheets – Student identification, contact info, anticipated graduation date, family situation, parent permissions if required, name and photo publication permission.
2. Two Letters of Recommendation – Please submit (2) letters of recommendation from persons who can comment on your work, your achievements, your service and/or your plans for the future
 - a. (1) letter from a high school/college teacher or other staff member
 - b. (1) letter from a non-related adult who knows applicant well
3. An Official High School or College Transcript
4. Photo of the Applicant

5. A Resume or Achievement List – describing accomplishments, awards, honors, interests and community service or volunteer activities.
6. Goal Statement - A one-page essay based upon Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s principle, "making a difference through service." (See description on next page)

Mail completed application to: Scholarship Review Committee, Women In Focus, Inc., P.O. Box 44013, Madison, WI 53744.

Address questions to:

Ms. Treater Prestine

treaterprestine@hotmail.com

Subject line: WIF Scholarship questions

Additional application instructions:

RESUME or ACHIEVEMENT LIST

Attach a copy of your resume or tell us about your accomplishments and dreams in the following areas:

Community Service Activities

Explain how you have served your community in school and outside of school.

Awards and Honors

List any awards, honors, or recognitions you have received from your high school/college, community service organizations, or religious congregation over the past four years.

Interests

Describe relevant personal interests and hobbies that you did not mention above.

Employment (if applicable)

Indicate where you have worked, your position, approximate number of hours worked per week and length of employment.

GOAL STATEMENT

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said “Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love and you can be that servant.” In the spirit of Dr. King, please tell us about the goals you have for your future. What do you plan to study in college and what are your possible career plans? Why have you selected these? If you are still deciding about a major or career, describe the areas that you would like to explore in your studies.

If there are extenuating circumstances which have affected your academic performance, please describe them briefly.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit two (2) letters of recommendation from persons who can comment on your work, your achievements, your service and/or your plans for the future. One letter must be from a teacher or other staff person at your school. The other can be from a non-related adult who knows you fairly well.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Either include a transcript of your high school or college work with your application or have one sent directly to Scholarship Review Committee, Women In Focus, Inc., P.O. Box 44013, Madison, WI 53744 prior to the application deadline.

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Total number of people living in household

Ages of siblings:

2016 Household Income Range ___ less than \$25,000 ___ \$25,000-\$45,000
___ \$46,000- \$65,000 ___ \$66,000-\$85,000 ___ \$85,000-\$105,000 ___ over \$105,000

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Address

Street

City

State

Zip

NAME AND PHOTO PUBLICATION PERMISSION

I hereby give Women In Focus, Inc. of Madison, Wisconsin, the right and permission, with respect to the photographs that have been taken of me or groups in which I may be included:

- a) To copyright the same in their own name or any other name they may choose;
- b) To use, reuse, publish and republish the same in whole or in part, individually or in conjunction with other photographs, in any medium and for any purpose whatsoever, including (but not by way of limitation) illustration, promotion, advertising and educational information.

I release and discharge Women In Focus Inc. from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of the photographs, including any and all claims for libel.

Women In Focus, Inc. may publish my name if I am a scholarship recipient.

I am over the age of 18. I have read the information above and I fully understand the contents thereof.

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of parent/guardian
(if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Date

BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR PHOTO WITH YOUR APPLICATION

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APPLICANT VERIFICATION

I verify that the information included in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of parent/guardian (if applicant
is under 18 years of age)

Date