



Women in Defense - Michigan College Scholar

Attention: NAMC
Velocity, 6633 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
Web Site: www.wid-mi.org

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the College Scholar program presented by Women In Defense Michigan Chapter (WID-MI). WID, A National Security Organization, is a non-profit professional networking and development organization for women and men across Michigan who contribute to national security and defense. Formed in 2007, the Michigan Chapter seeks to strengthen and influence the defense industry by inspiring women, cultivating leadership, and growing professional relationships.

Scholarship History

WID-MI established the College Scholar program in 2009 to encourage women to pursue careers related to the national security and defense interests of the United States, and to provide development opportunities to women already working in these fields

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the College Scholar program, applicants must demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career related to national security or defense, or already be working in these fields. Candidates are eligible to receive a college scholarship twice, and must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a woman
- Be a resident of Michigan
- Be currently enrolled at an **accredited Michigan university or college**, either full-time or part-time
- Be a graduate or an undergraduate who has attained at least junior level status (60 credits)
- Have a minimum grade point average of **3.0**
- Demonstrate educational expenses

Application Instructions

Applications must be completed in full and only items requested in the checklist below should be sent. Please do not include extra items such as copies of awards, certificates, photographs or resumes. Only students meeting the above listed eligibility criteria will be considered with no exceptions. Answer all applicable questions as completely as possible and follow any additional instructions listed for each section as required.



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Application Checklist

The full application package must be received by **August 15, 2026** and must include: **Items you submit:**

- ☐ Completed application
- ☐ Proof of U.S. citizenship (passport or birth certificate, redacted)
- ☐ Attached narrative responses

Items others submit directly to WID on your behalf:

- ☐ Official transcripts - direct from your school(s), unofficial may be sent while waiting for official ones
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation - direct from individuals, one from a faculty/university member

For items submitted by the applicant:

All required materials should be submitted together in one email to the following email address: scholarships@wid-mi.org. You will receive a confirmation via email when your application is received.

For recommendation letters:

Letters should be signed and submitted directly by the author to the following email address: scholarships@wid-mi.org.

For official transcripts:

Unofficial transcripts can be emailed with the application in addition to the official delivered separately. Official transcripts should be mailed directly from the school to address on this application.

If you have any questions, please contact the WID-MI Scholarship Director at scholarships@wid-mi.org.



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1) PERSONAL INFORMATION Please print legibly or type.

Name		Student ID	
	First Middle Last		
Address			
	Number	Street	
	City	State	Zip Code
Telephone - Home		Cell/Work	
Email			
How did you learn about WID-Michigan College Scholar program?			
Applying for a WID-Michigan scholarship for which academic year			

2) ACADEMICS

University/College (**must be an accredited Michigan institution**)

Check enrollment status ☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time

If applying as a graduate student, complete the following:

Major		Credit Hours Completed		Overall GPA	
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If applying as an undergraduate student, complete the following:

☐ Junior	☐ Senior	Credit Hours Completed		Overall GPA	
Major		Major GPA		Minor/Add. Major	

3) DEMONSTRATION OF ACADEMIC ABILITY Provide official academic transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended. See application instructions page.

4) AWARDS & HONORS

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5) ACTIVITIES Extracurricular, professional, community

6) NARRATIVES - DEMONSTRATION OF INTEREST IN A CAREER IN NATIONAL SECURITY OR DEFENSE

Attach a cover page with your name to a separate document that addresses the following short essays within an 800 word limit (total length for all sections combined). Sections (a), (b), and (c) are mandatory while (d) is optional.

- a) Statement of interest: Describe your interest in pursuing a career in national security or defense. Include a description of your long-term goals as they relate to that career.
- b) Statement of prior accomplishments: Describe what you believe have been the principal accomplishments in your life that relate to your career goals including academic, professional, or community activities.
- c) Proposed program/course emphasis: Describe the objectives of your educational program and how it relates to a national security or defense career. List your course of study for the requested period.
- d) Other considerations (Optional): List or describe any other information pertinent to your application for the Committee to review.

7) DEMONSTRATION OF EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES

What are your **eligible expenses** for this school year?

Tuition (\$)	
Room & Board (\$)	
Books (\$)	
Other (\$)	

Include description below:

List sources and amounts of all resources you will use for expenses this school year. Failure to disclose complete information on resources will disqualify you.

Scholarships & Grants (\$)	
Tuition & Fee Waivers (\$)	
Student Loans (\$)	
Employer Assistance (\$)	

Financial aid officer at your school

Name		Position	
Address			
Telephone		Email	

Applicant's Name



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8) EMPLOYMENT List last three employers. Include the name of the employer, your position, and the dates of your employment.

Employer		Position		Dates	
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9) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

List below the names of the two individuals that will be submitting letters of recommendation who are familiar with your accomplishments and career goals. At least one letter must be from a faculty member at your current college/university. Letters of recommendation must emailed to the WID Michigan Chapter Scholarship Director at scholarships@wid-mi.org by August 15, 2026 (see application instructions page).

Name		Position	
Address			
Telephone		Email	

Name		Position	
Address			
Telephone		Email	

SUBMISSION I hereby certify that all of the information contained in my application and supporting materials is accurate.

Signature		Date	
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Applicant's Name