

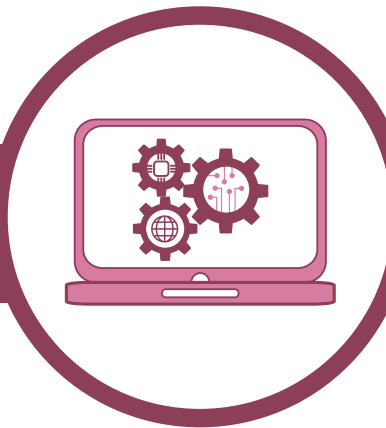
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ZONTA
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WOMEN IN STEM SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

The Zonta International **Women in STEM Scholarship** encourages women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in STEM fields.



The program operates at the Zonta club, district/region and international levels. Each Zonta district/region may submit one applicant for consideration for an international scholarship. A single candidate from each of Zonta's 31 districts and one region will receive an award of US\$5,000 from Zonta International.

Timetable

Applications received by Zonta clubs..... **Contact local club for deadline**
Club recipient is selected and application is
received by governor/region representative**July/August or deadline determined by district/region**
District/region applicant selected and application received by ZI Headquarters..... **15 September**
Official announcement of international recipients.....**November**

Who is eligible?

- Women of any age and nationality, pursuing a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) degree program at an accredited university/college/institute, who demonstrate outstanding potential in the field and are living or studying in a Zonta district/region, are eligible.
- Online students are also eligible to apply if enrolled at an accredited university/college/institute.
- Students must be enrolled in at least the second year of an undergraduate program **through** the final year of a master's program at the time the application is submitted to the local Zonta club. Applicants must be in school at the time the scholarship funds are disbursed and must not graduate before April 2024.
- Previous district and international Women in Technology Scholarship recipients may not apply for the Women in STEM Scholarship.
- Club members and individuals with direct membership with Zonta International 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 co-habiting partner), are not eligible to apply for the Scholarship.
- Golden Z club members are eligible to apply.
- Applicants from geographic areas within a Zonta district/region where no clubs are located will be considered and are eligible to apply for the international scholarships via a Zonta district/region.

What are the requirements?

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Applicant is required to qualify what her field of study is under STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Designated Degree Program List can be used to determine if your field of study is eligible: ice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/stem-list.pdf.
- Be enrolled in at least the second year of an undergraduate program **through** the final year of a master's program at the time the application is submitted to the local Zonta club. A verification of current enrollment must be submitted with the application. Note that 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 STEM studies as verified by official transcripts and recommendation letters.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a STEM degree program by 15 September 2023 and **must not** graduate before April 2024.

How do I apply?

Applicants must locate a Zonta club near them by using the Club Locator at zonta.org/locateaclub to receive the deadline and an address to submit application to, or for assistance, email your name and contact information to Zonta International Headquarters at programs@zonta.org. Note that all application materials must be completed in English and received at the Zonta club by the deadline printed on the application. Only typed applications will be accepted and considered.

The following documents are to be submitted in the application package. Application form can be downloaded from the Zonta International website, (zonta.org) and must include:

- One recommendation from a faculty member in the major field of study.
- One recommendation from an employer, volunteer supervisor, or academic adviser. (*Club members and employees of Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women are not eligible to write recommendation letters for applicants.*)
- Essay of 500 words or less that clearly describes your academic and professional goals and demonstrates how your program of study is directly related to science, technology, engineering or mathematics and your initiative, ambition and commitment to pursuing a career in STEM. (Essays exceeding 500 words **will not** be considered.)
- Zonta International Verification of Current Enrollment form (see page 7 of application), or an official statement from the university/college registrar stating enrollment and graduation information. Please note that students from the southern hemisphere may have limited academic records available when the application is

due to the club or district/region. If further records are available later, these records may be included when the district/region forwards their nominee to Zonta International for consideration in the selection of the international Women in STEM Scholarships. Candidates for the international scholarships may be asked to submit their most recent academic results for consideration.

- 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 an official statement of that policy from the registrar or other school official. **Do not submit unofficial transcripts** as they will not be accepted.
- All non-English documents must be translated into English to be considered.
- Applicants from geographic areas within a Zonta district/region where no clubs are located may apply via a Zonta e-club or directly to the district/region to be eligible for the international scholarships. **All application materials must be received at the Zonta club by the deadline printed on the application.** Please note that applicants may not apply to more than one Zonta district.
- 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.
- Applications that are incomplete or late due to transmittal by third parties, or other circumstances will not be considered. Applications are accepted by email or regular mail; however, email submissions are preferred. Applications submitted by email must be signed and sent as a PDF.

What is the application process?

- The club evaluation committee will consider applications and select the club awardee. Applications select-ed by Zonta clubs are sent to their respective Zonta governor/region representative.
- A district/region evaluation committee selects one applicant per district/region to submit to Zonta International Headquarters.
- The Zonta International Headquarters team confirms the eligibility of the applicants put forth by the districts/region and submits a recommendation to the Zonta International Board for approval.

How may I use the scholarship funds?

- The scholarship may be used for any expenses that support the achievement of a degree in a STEM-related field.
- The payment of US\$5,000 is planned for December 2023 subject to any U.S. sanctions regulations.
- 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.
- Recipients are not permitted to defer the Scholarship.
- Recipients may accept additional grants and scholarships from other sources.

Tax Considerations

The following considerations will help define which type of payment will fit the applicant's purposes best.

- "Scholarship": to be used for tuition, fees and materials (books, supplies and equipment) required for courses at a college or university only. As a scholarship to be used for tuition, fees and materials, the income is tax free.
- "Scholarship": to be used for living expenses while attending a college or university. Although tuition and related expenses are tax free, income used for living expenses is considered taxable income. Tax forms will be provided to all awardees, as required. Withholdings range from \$0 (tax treaty) or 14% (appropriate student VISA) to 30% for non-U.S. residents.
- Supplemental awards and scholarships that are directly paid by a club or district will follow the tax regulations of their taxing authority.

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SEND APPLICATION AND DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO:

Deadline:

Zonta Club/e-Club of: _____

District/Area: _____

To find a club click: [Club Locator](#)

Attention: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Province/Country: _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

Name: _____
Last (Family) First Middle

Permanent mailing address: _____

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

Email address: _____ Telephone: _____

LinkedIn address: _____ Twitter handle: _____

Address during academic year (if different): _____

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

Secondary email address: _____ Telephone: _____

Birth date: _____ Birthplace: _____ Country of citizenship: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy) (city and country)

Name of university/college/institute currently attending: _____

Current year of study: _____

Department: _____ Major/field of study: _____

Plans for study under the Women in STEM Scholarship: _____

Degree sought: _____

Expected graduation date (include month/year): _____

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. **Please add your current degree sought and expected graduation date (month/year).** 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 adviser. 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. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure these recommendations have been turned in by the Zonta club's 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 and that I did not receive assistance in completing the essay portions of this application other than for translation into English for advancing to district/region and international levels. I understand that, at the option of the Zonta club sponsoring my application or the Zonta district/region, or Zonta International, I may be interviewed as a candidate for the Women in STEM Scholarship. I consent to the electronic or hard copy publication of material in my application by Zonta International.

- I confirm that I have not applied to more than one Zonta district.
- I confirm that I am not a family member (ancestor, descendant, adoptee, sibling, niece or cousin and those of their spouse or co-habiting partner) of a club member or individual with direct membership with Zonta International, and/or employee of Zonta International.

Signature (required)

Date

(Insert image of your signature or print, sign and scan this page.)

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 (see page 8 of the application).

(Please check the appropriate items.)

How did you learn of the Women in STEM 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 recipient (name):		Signatures	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zonta club name:		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, how you have demonstrated initiative, ambition and commitment to pursuing a career in STEM, and how the Zonta International Women in STEM Scholarship will assist you in reaching your goals. (Essays cannot exceed 500 words to be considered.) Please provide the word count at the end of your answer.



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**Verification of Current Enrollment Form
Women in STEM 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 STEM 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 STEM 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 STEM 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 STEM Scholarship Fund about recipients of their donations. Zonta retains the right to use your name, photograph and biographical information to promote the Women in STEM Scholarships in various promotional materials, including the website.

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

Applicant's signature is required (Insert image of your signature or print, sign and scan this page.)

Date

Please print your name