



Space Coast Chapter Women In Defense Scholarship Program 2016-2017

Executive Summary

The Space Coast Chapter of Women In Defense (SCWID) has established the SCWID Scholarship Program to encourage women in Florida to pursue careers related to the national security and defense interests of the United States and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). SCWID intends to award multiple scholarships up to a \$1,000, subject to availability of scholarship funds, approved by the SCWID Board of Directors.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following criteria. No exceptions will be considered.

- Submit a complete application package via email to STEM@scwid.org with the following email subject title: Last Name_SCWID Scholarship Application or mail a complete application to Space Coast WID Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 410832, Melbourne, FL 32940-0832. All application packages must be received no later than April 17, 2017, 11:59 pm. Packages mailed must be postmarked no later April 17, 2017. Applications received with missing information will not be considered.
- Be a high school, undergraduate, or graduate student currently enrolled in or accepted into an accredited university or college either full-time or part-time. Enrollment in an accredited on-line post-secondary program is also acceptable.
- Be a female who resides in Brevard County Florida [DO NOT SEND COPIES OF DRIVER'S LICENSES OR OTHER SIMILAR DOCUMENTS]. Simply self-declare you are a Brevard County Florida resident.
- Demonstrate interest in pursuing a career related to: 1) national security, 2) defense, or 3) a STEM-related field.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Provide an unofficial copy of your high school or post-secondary transcript to confirm a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (self-declare). An official transcript may be requested by SCWID subsequent to an award.
- Be a U.S. citizen [DO NOT SEND COPIES OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES OR PASSPORTS]. Simply self-declare this. Evidence of the applicant's U.S. citizenship may be requested by SCWID subsequent to an award.

Note: Recipients of past awards are eligible for future scholarship awards.



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Fields of Study

The SCWID Scholarship Program focuses on the following preferred fields of study:

- Security studies, military history, government relations;
- STEM fields including but not limited to natural sciences, life sciences, manufacturing, engineering, physical sciences, construction sciences, computer sciences, mathematical sciences, and biological sciences;
- Business (as it relates to national security or defense), law (as it relates to national security or defense), international relations, political science, and economics;
- Other fields where the applicant can successfully demonstrate relevance to a career in the areas of national security, defense, or STEM.

Scholarship Application Package Content

The scholarship application package consists of the following:

1. Scholarship application
2. Essay (1 page, Times New Roman 12-point font, 1” margins, 1.5” line spacing)
3. One professional or academic letter of recommendation
4. One copy of a high school or post-secondary school official or unofficial transcript to substantiate applicant’s GPA

Selection Criteria

Awards will be based on academic achievement/field of study, essay/statement of objectives, participation in defense and national security activities, work experience, recommendations, awards/honors, and demonstration of financial need. Awards are made without regard to race, creed, color, or religion. SCWID reserves the right to revise, suspend, or discontinue this program without notice (see notional scoring sheet at the end of this document).

1. **Essay (25 possible points)** – This is the applicant’s statement of interest. This is a description of principal accomplishments that relate to your professional goals including academic, professional, or community activities and objectives of your educational program. *This information should relate back to your national security, defense, or STEM career plan.* This should be no more than one-page (8 ½” x 11”), 1.5” line spacing, Times New Roman 12-point font. Points will be deducted for grammar errors, poor organization, or poor overall essay.
2. **Academic Ability and Field of Study (15 possible points)** – level and relevancy of coursework and associated grades. GPA, rounded to nearest tenth of a point. A GPA of 4.0 = 15; subtract 1 point for each tenth of a point below 4.0. Example: a 3.8 GPA = 13 points.
3. **Professional or Academic Recommendation (15 possible points)** – one reference based on accomplishments and career goals.
4. **Defense and National Security Activities and/or Community Support Activities (15 possible points)** – relevant extracurricular, professional and/or community activities/involvement (5 points/activity category for a maximum of 15 possible points).
5. **Employment (10 possible points)** – current student employment, number of hours worked compared with school load, prior internships, and the like will be considered.
6. **Awards and Honors (10 possible points)** – type of awards and honors received



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7. **Financial Need (10 possible points)** – Financial need is demonstrated.

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- 1-Enrolled in a Post-Secondary School in Brevard County
- 2-Military Active Duty or Veteran
- 3-Mother or Father Military Active Duty or Veteran
- 4-Coin Toss

Deadline, Application, Notification

The completed application, essay, and letter of recommendation (the complete Application Package) must be received no later than April 17, 2017, 11:59 pm if emailed. Packages mailed must be postmarked no later April 17, 2017. Applications **will not be accepted postmarked or emailed later than April 17, 2017.**

The applicant is responsible for making sure all materials arrive to meet the deadline. Only applicants selected to receive a SCWID Scholarship will be notified of the results. Recipients' names will be posted on the Scholarship page of our website: www.scwid.org. Since the SCWID foundation consists of volunteers, we are unable to accept phone calls, but emails are accepted and will be answered at STEM@scwid.org.

Application:

[Download and view the application](#) (PDF)

Please email your completed application, 1-page essay, and letter of recommendation (the Application Package) to: STEM@scwid.org or mail your application package to:

Space Coast WID Scholarship Program
P.O. Box 410832
Melbourne, FL 32941-0832

Emailed application packages received after April 17, 2017 or

mailed application packages postmarked after April 17, 2017 will not be considered.

For additional information, please contact:

Our Scholarship Team by sending an email to: STEM@scwid.org

Website: <http://scwid.org/>



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Sample Scoring Sheet for SCWID Scholarships

Total Possible Score	100
Essay: Statement of interest, description of principal accomplishments related to applicant's professional goals including academic, professional, or community activities; and objectives of applicant's educational program related back to applicant's national security or defense career plans.	25
Grammar (Points Subtracted, 0, 1, 3, 6)	
Organization (Points Subtracted, 0, 1, 3, 6)	
Overall Effect (Points Subtracted, 0, 1, 3, 6)	
Academic Ability and Field of Study: Level and relevancy of coursework and associated grades	15
GPA, rounded to nearest 10th of a point. A GPA of 4.0 = 15; subtract 1 point for each tenth of a point below 4.0. Example, a 3.8 GPA = 13 points.	
Professional or Academic Recommendations: One reference based on accomplishments and career goals	15
Reference is highly relevant (No points subtracted)	
Reference is relevant (Subtract 1 point)	
Reference lacks relevancy (Subtract 2 points)	
Defense and National Security Activities and/or Community Support Activities: Relevance of extracurricular, professional and/or community activities/involvement (5 points/activity category). Note: Examples are not all inclusive.	15
Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) or Military-related service (5-Points)	
Career Technical Education (CTE Program) or High School Academy (5-Points)	
Community Support/Volunteer Activity Support at a STEM-related event (5-Points)	
Employment: Is the student employed? Number of hours worked compared with school load (Note: Internships will be considered)	10
> 16 hrs/wk worked (no points subtracted)	
8-16 hrs/wk worked (1 point subtracted)	
< 8 hrs/wk worked (2 points subtracted)	
Awards and Honors: Type of awards and honors received	10
Academic awards (no points subtracted)	
Non-academic award, yet significant (no points subtracted)	
Leadership/Citizenship related award or honor issued by a community organization (no points subtracted)	
Financial Need: Is the student receiving scholarships/waivers, grants, or taking out loans?	10
Financial need clearly demonstrated by applicant (no points subtracted)	
A financial need is not clearly demonstrated (3 points subtracted)	