



# ***The Columbian Women***

2020 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 270  
Washington, DC 20006

The Columbian Women Scholarship  
Guidelines and Instructions for Candidates  
2010 - 2011

The objective of The Columbian Women Scholarship (**Tuition Only**) is to recognize and assist women pursuing a degree program in any field of study at The George Washington University who demonstrate a high level of achievement in academia and a commitment to their chosen profession.

Awards will be for the single academic year noted above. The total annual amount of the awards is approximately \$90,000 with an average of individual awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Award recipients (and other applicants) are eligible to apply again in subsequent years.

Please review the following guidelines and instructions carefully before beginning your application. All materials should be sent The Columbian Women at [Columbianwomen@gmail.com](mailto:Columbianwomen@gmail.com).

The application, including letters of recommendation must be received by **March 26, 2010**.

## **Applicant Eligibility**

All applicants must:

- Be enrolled in The George Washington University during the academic year 2009-2010 in a recognized academic degree program (e.g., bachelor, masters, doctorate, JD, or MD).
- Be enrolled in The George Washington University for at least one semester during the academic year 2010-2011 in a recognized academic degree program (e.g., bachelor, masters, doctorate, JD, or MD).
- Have completed a minimum of fifteen (15) credit hours for undergraduate or nine (9) credit hours for graduate studies from The George Washington University by the time of application.
- Demonstrate financial need by submitting the appropriate information to The George Washington University Financial Aid Office through filing a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The FAFSA must be filed prior to the deadline for scholarship applications.
- Have a grade point average of 3.5 or above at The George Washington University.

Students who are already receiving a scholarship, fellowship, tuition credit, or any combination of these that **covers their full tuition are ineligible**.

Scholarship awards will be distributed by the University for the fall and spring semesters of 2010 and 2011. Recipients will be expected to attend a Scholarship Tea to be hosted by The Columbian Women, which is typically held in November.

Applications will be evaluated by a committee which will score the applications based upon GPA; academic awards; commitment to student activities, community, academic career or profession; candidate statement; recommendations. **Any incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**Applicant Profile:** Provide your GWID and contact information.

**Academic Information:** Please provide your current GPA. When submitting your application please attach an electronic copy of your unofficial transcript. You can obtain this from the Banner secured area on the web.

**Candidate Data:** Please provide the following information. Each section should **not exceed 1500 characters (approximately 300 words).**

- Academic Awards (other than scholarships) earned from **The George Washington University** (certificates of completion by other training facilities or comprehensive scores required to obtain a degree are not considered).
- Student, academic, professional and community participation. This includes professional organization participation and contributions, volunteer work, number and name(s) of workshops/seminars/lectures attended during year, relationship to career enhancement, etc.
- Special recognition in professional activities or personal awards. Types of recognition include certificates, letters of appreciation, cash awards, recognition resulting from self-development which demonstrates a relationship to the chosen profession, scholarships, and overseas studies.

**Candidate Statement:** Provide a narrative **not to exceed 3000 characters (approximately 500 words)** demonstrating self-development, long-term educational and professional goals, commitment (related activities) to the chosen profession, and basis for need. Please cite your achievements in your chosen field as well as your personal goals for your chosen career.

**Recommendation Letters:** One recommendation letter is required; however you may submit up to two letters of recommendation. **DO NOT** submit additional letters. They will not be accepted. You are responsible for ensuring that any letters are submitted by the deadline. Applications without any letters of recommendation will not be considered.

Recommendation letters should be from an advisor, faculty member, or supervisor and should cite the qualifications and skills that make the applicant sufficiently outstanding to be considered to receive the award. Please note that the recommendation is not required to be from an employee of The George Washington University. The nomination should address academic achievements, self-development initiatives, contributions to the chosen profession and community and participation in profession-sponsored activities.

Please have the advisor, faculty member or supervisor submit their letter on the recommendation letter form, which can be found on The Columbian Women website, they should provide position title, telephone number and relationship to the applicant.



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### Scholarship Application Recommendation Letter Form

Please use this form to submit a recommendation letter for the scholarship applicant. Recommendation letters must be received by **March 26, 2010**. Please email to [Columbianwomen@gmail.com](mailto:Columbianwomen@gmail.com).

Applicant Name:

Your Name:

Your Email:

#### **Recommendation Letter**

Please use this section to submit your letter of recommendation. You may copy and paste the letter from a Word or text document.



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### Scholarship Application Form

Please fill this form out in its entirety. Refer to the Guidelines and Instructions sheet if you have any questions. Please do not exceed the word limits noted. The application must be received by **March 26, 2010**. Please email to [columbianwomen@gmail.com](mailto:columbianwomen@gmail.com) or use the email submit button located at the bottom of the page:

| Applicant Profile            |
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| Name:                        |
| GWID:                        |
| Local Address:               |
| Permanent Address:           |
| Phone (day):                 |
| Phone (cell):                |
| Phone (evening):             |
| Email:                       |
| School of Enrollment:        |
| Degree Sought:               |
| Expected Date of Graduation: |
| GPA:                         |

### Candidate Data

Please do not exceed 1500 characters (approximately 300 words) for each section.

Academic Awards from GW:

Student, academic, professional and community participation:

Special recognition in professional activities or personal awards:

### Candidate Statement

Provide a narrative **not to exceed 3000 characters (approximately 500 words)** demonstrating self-development, long-term educational and professional goals, commitment (related activities) to the chosen profession, and basis for need. Please cite your achievements in your chosen field as well as your personal goals for your chosen career.

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Please list the name, email, and relationship to you of the references you are asking to write letters on your behalf. Please have your reference(s) send a letter on the recommendation letter form.

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