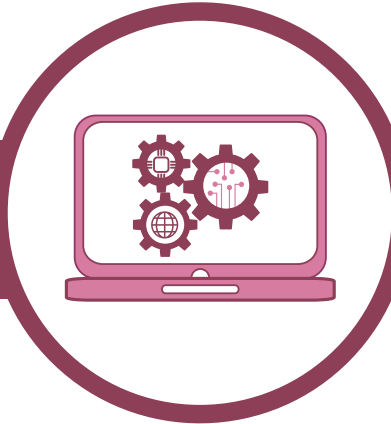


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# WOMEN IN STEM SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION



The Zonta **District 29 Women in STEM Scholarship** encourages women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in STEM fields.



The program operates at the Zonta club and district level.

## 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 Zonta district 29 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 2026.
- 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.

## 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).
- 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 2026.

## How do I apply?

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 District website, ([www.zonta-district29.org](http://www.zonta-district29.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 District 29 Verification of Current Enrollment form (see page 7 of application), or an official statement from the university/college registrar stating enrollment and graduation information.

- 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.
- 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 representative.
- A district evaluation committee selects one applicant per district.

### 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.
- 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.

- Supplemental awards and scholarships that are directly paid by a club or district will follow the tax regulations of their taxing authority.