

Women's International Fund for Education



Scholarship Re-Application 2024

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The Women's International Fund for Education (WIFE) is an organization in the United States of America that aims to support young women throughout the world in reaching their goals to become college/university graduates and leaders in their communities. WIFE strives to make the world a better place by educating women showing leadership potential. WIFE was formed in 2010 by a group of young women in California. The funds available for the scholarship were raised through the generous donations of community members and a few small businesses.

The Women's International Fund for Education's scholarship program is dedicated to serving young women who strive to become leaders within their community. The scholarship is designed to be the "seed" that allows each applicant to grow and develop innovative projects and careers. Scholarships will be awarded to women who demonstrate their desire to improve the quality of life in their communities as well as the state of the environment.

The Women's International Fund for Education offers scholarships to women who show tremendous potential. The scholarship is offered for **one academic year**. Throughout the school year the applicant is required to update WIFE regularly, through e-mail or video chat correspondence. After the completion of the applicant's first year, the applicant is required to fill out a survey to provide WIFE with information on their accomplishments. Applicants are encouraged to re-apply for the scholarship annually.

Thank you for your interest in the Women's International Fund for Education's scholarship program. We look forward to hearing from you and helping you achieve your educational goals by supporting you in this journey!

With gratitude,
The Women's International Fund for Education

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II. General Information on the Application Process

All sections of the application must be completed in English. Unless otherwise indicated, the requested information is required. If a question or section does not apply to you, please mark it NA (not applicable). Some additional documentation may be submitted separately – see instructions for each section. However, sending everything in one packet is encouraged.

Eligible applicants must demonstrate financial need, academic ability, leadership skills, career goals and a desire to improve the welfare of their community and/or the health of the environment. To be eligible, you must:

- Be a woman at least of age to enter college/university
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate leadership skills in your community
- Commit to WIFE's binding contract and mentorship program
- Demonstrate the desire to improve your community and the environment

The application deadline is April 5, 2024. Scholarship funds awarded by the Women's International Fund for Education will be applied to the recipient's account at her school, NOT directly to the individual. Certain cases may be required to answer follow up questions to determine eligibility.

Submit your application, postmarked no later than the application deadline to:

Women's International Fund for Education
Attn: Melissa Mello
3461 64th St.
Sacramento, CA. 95820 USA

Or

Via e-mail: info@wifeducation.org

Please **write your name at the top of each page** and make sure to write or print clearly. Applications missing required information WILL NOT be considered. The Women's International Fund for Education is **not** responsible for any lost or destroyed documents. Please mark the appropriate box below when items are arriving separately from this application.

Your complete application must include each of the following documents (unless waived by WIFE):

- ☐ The entire application form
- ☐ Written essay on educational and career goals
- ☐ Your signature and date on the Declaration page of this application

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- ☐ Three letters of recommendation from non-relatives using the WIFE form, mailed separately (this can be included in the packet as long as the letter are sealed and have not been viewed by the applicant)
- ☐ Extra pages as necessary for clarification or additional information
- ☐ An official copy of your transcripts
- ☐ Signed WIFE contract

Please include the following documents if relevant to your experience:

- ☐ Resumes, copies of certificates, awards, etc.

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III. Application Form

1. General information:

Name:

Address:

Country:

Best way to contact you (e.g. email, phone, mail, etc.):

Mailing address (if different from the one above):

Phone number(s) with country and area code:

(1)

(2)

E-mail address:

Secondary E-mail address:

Additional contact information (optional):

Age: Date of birth (please include day, month, and year):

Are you a resident of the country in which you hope to attend college, if so – for how long?

Your marital status:

☐ Single ☐ Married/domestic partnership ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed

Spouse/Partner's name:

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Spouse/Partner's occupation:

Number of children:

2. Your educational program (for which funds are requested):

Semester and academic year (for example, Fall 2025):

Degree, program or course of study (for example, economics):

Name of school, college or institution (for example, University of South Africa):

Complete school address:

This school is a: ☐ public institution ☐ private institution ☐ distance learning/online
☐ Other _____

Number of years left to complete your degree: _____

Semester and year you expect to finish your program (for example, Spring 2025):

You are attending: ☐ Full time ☐ Part time

Cost per semester/quarter (in local currency and US dollars):

Cost for entire academic year (in local currency and US dollars):

Include with your application a recent official transcript showing your grade point average during this past term that WIFE supported your education. Your transcript may be submitted separately. If you do not have a recent transcript, please explain.

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3. Your employment history over the past 5 years: List in order, starting with your **most recent** employment. (If you have attached your resume or CV, please write "See attached Resume/CV" in the table below):

Job title/description	City & Country	Start/End Date	Salary

4. Your financial circumstances (please indicate all amounts in **local currency**):
If available, include a copy of a recent pay-stub for all income sources

- a Your annual household income (in local currency, if you do not have an annual income write NA):

Total Annual wages/salary (include entire income from household):

Other sources of financial support (e.g., family/community, government):

- b. Education-Related Annual Income (in local currency):

Loans (state the amount and source): _____

Grants/scholarships (state the amount and source):

Student financial aid (state the amount and source):

Total annual educational-related income: _____

5. Educational Cost:

Note: Please indicate all amounts in **local currency**.

- a What is the minimum amount required for you to attend school?

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- b What is the total amount needed to cover all education related expenses for one academic year?

- c If the WIFE scholarship does not cover the entire cost of your tuition, how will you pay for the remaining costs?

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6. Special circumstances (optional, but recommended):

If you believe the WIFE review committee should consider any unusual expenses, hardships, or personal challenges that you face, please use this space or attach another page to explain.

7. Community service:

Please list any volunteer work, awards/recognitions you have received, service projects, or organizations in which you have participated.

Organization	Start Date	End Date	Hours

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8. Statement of Purpose (required):

WIFE seeks to support women who are, or will become leaders in their communities. We target women who show dedication to improving the quality of life in their community as well as the state of the local and global environment. We seek to fund education for these women so they can build a better world, and achieve the goals they are already setting out to accomplish.

Please include a statement describing how your scholarship has supported your education over the past term. Please include what new goals you have to improve your community and what actions you have taken so far to meet those goals? For example, have you done any new volunteering or work to help the community? Include a description of your next term in school, what you plan to do and study.

Please include your name on each page of the essay.

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Declaration (required):

To be eligible for an award from the Women's International Fund for Education, you must agree to the following statement and indicate your approval with your printed name, your signature and the date you signed.

I understand that I will not receive any money personally from the Women's International Fund for Education. All funds will go directly to the school specified in this application. I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided on this application is correct and complete. The Women's International Fund for Education has my permission to verify any information provided and contact any credit reporting agency as deemed necessary.

I fully understand that it is a punishable crime to knowingly make any false statements concerning any of the information in this application.

I understand that my application for funds will not be reviewed until my application form is complete and accompanied by three letters of recommendation, official transcripts, proof of residency, and a statement of acceptance from the institution, unless waived by WIFE.

Name (printed):

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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IV. Supplemental Application Documents

Please attach the following documents to your application.

- 1.) Three letters of recommendation
- 2.) Transcripts
- 3.) Resume/CV
- 4.) Essay

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Recommendation Form (not to be filled out by friends or family members)

Please take a moment to complete this confidential information, attach a separate sheet if more room is needed. In addition, please include a separate letter describing why you recommend this applicant. Please include thoughts on their character, past experiences that shaped them as a leader, their work ethic and other leadership roles you've seen them in. After completion, please place this form and your letter into a sealed envelope with your signature across the back seal. Applicant should not view this information. Thank you!

Name of scholarship applicant:

Your name and title:

Your contact information (or attach a business card):

How long have you known the applicant?

Please describe your personal or professional relationship with the applicant:

3. How would you rate the applicant's past academic, employment, or volunteer record?

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ Below average

Explain:

4. How would you rate the applicant's ability to undertake and complete her educational program?

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ Below average

Explain:

5. In your opinion, does this applicant deserve a scholarship?

6. The Women's International Fund for Education seeks to fund education for women who are leaders in their community and want impact their community in a positive way, either through social or environmental means. In your opinion, does this applicant embody the mission of WIFE? Why/how?

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7. Is there any other pertinent information you'd like to add (use the back or additional paper if needed)

(your signature) (date)

Please submit letter of recommendation with attached form to:

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Sacramento, CA. 95820 USA or via e-mail: info@wifeducation.org

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V. Directions for Submitting Application

Application Deadline: **April 5, 2024**

Applications may be submitted prior to deadline.

List of Documents for Submission:

- ☐ Re-application form (fully completed)
- ☐ Essay on educational and career goals
- ☐ Your signature and date on the Declaration page of this application
- ☐ Your signature and date on the Terms of Acceptance page of this application
- ☐ Three letters of recommendation from non-relatives using the WIFE form – sealed and signed across back seal or mailed separately
- ☐ Extra pages as necessary for clarification or additional information
- ☐ An official copy of your transcripts

List of Optional Documents for Submission:

- ☐ Resume
- ☐ Copies of certificates
- ☐ Copies of awards
- ☐ Other documents

The entire application must be completed upon submission. If your application is incomplete, it will **not be considered**.

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Acceptance Process:

- I. Once applications are submitted, the Women's International Fund for Education will contact applicants to notify them that their application has been received.
- II. Applications will be reviewed in detail.
- III. Applicants will be contacted directly by the Women's International Fund for Education with the status of their application within 2-4 weeks of the application deadline.
- IV. Qualified applicants might be asked to join in an interview in person or via video chat with a representative from the Women's International Fund for Education.

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- V. If applicant is accepted for award further information on the scholarship terms of acceptance will be sent and the college/institution will receive funding for student's tuition.