

# ZONTA CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

Member of **Zonta International**

## *Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

The Women's Another Chance Scholarship Program (WAC) was established in 1990 by the Zonta Club of St. Louis. It is the major service project of the Club, which is an international service organization of executives in business and the professions, committed to improving the status of women.

The WAC program has evolved and presently provides financial assistance in the form of a scholarship to single mothers over the age of 24 who are committed to the pursuit of post-high school education and/or training. The scholarship provides financial aid for tuition, books, lab fees and other classroom supplies.

As important as the financial assistance is to each student, additional encouragement and support is provided by a mentor. Each scholarship recipient is assigned a volunteer mentor from the local Zonta Club. Mentors develop a supportive relationship with their students. They provide encouragement and advice while making sure each student is meeting the requirements associated with the scholarship. Mentors help students utilize the resources available from other Zonta Club members and the larger community.

If students have a special request or need, the mentors can bring the issue to the attention of the WAC Committee which, in turn, brings it to the attention of the Board for action. The program strives to be responsive to the changing and evolving needs of the WAC students.

**ZONTA CLUB OF ST. LOUIS CHARITABLE TRUST  
WOMEN’S ANOTHER CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
STUDENT APPLICATION**

Zonta Club of St. Louis “the Club”, a member of Zonta International, an International organization of executives and professionals organized under the laws of the State of Missouri, has instituted a scholarship program “the Scholarship”, to benefit a female single parent who has a High School Diploma, or equivalent GED Certificate and is currently enrolled in a post-high school educational program.

The recipients shall be a female single parent who will receive benefits under the Scholarship, subject to the terms and conditions set out below.

Recipients shall be selected by the Club’s Women’s Another Chance (WAC) Committee based strictly on the following criteria.

- Must be 24 years of age or older, single and head of household
- Applicants must live in the Missouri counties of Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis or the City of St. Louis and the Illinois counties of Madison, Monroe or St. Clair. Students must attend a school within a 50 mile radius of the city limits of St. Louis.
- Must be committed to the pursuit of a post-high school education and/or training.
- Must demonstrate financial inability to attain further education/training without the Scholarship.
- Must provide a copy of the last two year’s Income Tax Returns, (Forms 1040, W-2 Forms and/or 1099s).
- Must be a legally single parent of at least one child; and must be the parent who has the sole responsibility for rearing the child or children.
- Must have a high school diploma or GED.
- Must already be enrolled in a post-high school program with a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Must provide official transcript of prior college courses
- Must demonstrate personal discipline and perseverance.
- Must complete the Club’s essay requirement: “Why I Deserve this Opportunity” (To be no less than 200 words and no more than 400 words) and a Plan of Action which may include curriculum, costs, steps taken to advance their status, and any other costs associated with the proposed curriculum of study.
- Must provide three (2) letters of recommendations: preferably instructor, advisor, or employer

Applications received by April 1<sup>st</sup> will be eligible for scholarship beginning June 1 of same calendar year. Applications received by October 1<sup>st</sup> will be eligible for a scholarship beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

The Scholarship will include the following:

Financial aid for completion of student's approved curriculum and for the payment of costs relating to the recipient's post high school education and other related costs associated with the completion of the approved curriculum (such as books, lab fees, child care and other classroom supplies and fees).

The total for the Scholarship is not to exceed \$8,000 over the course of the Scholarship, unless the WAC Committee determines that there are extenuating circumstances that warrant additional scholarship funds.

A member of the Club shall be a mentor to the student and will be a liaison between the student, WAC Committee and the Club.

All of the academic-related funds shall be payable to the school financial office. Childcare monies shall be paid directly to the care provider. The funds shall be disbursed solely for the purposes outlined above. **Relatives are exempt from receiving childcare monies, unless they operate a facility licensed by the state of the business' existence.**

Recipient, while receiving Scholarship benefits, shall fulfill the following obligations or will lose eligibility for participation in the Scholarship program:

- Must complete a minimum of nine (9) hours a semester unless she has prior approval of the mentor.
- Must submit any change from one course of study to another for prior approval of the mentor.
- Must maintain a C+ average.
- Must attend events of the Zonta Club of St. Louis as requested by their mentor.
- Must report to their mentor the status of her educational pursuits.
- Must contact their mentor at least once per month.
- Must present a copy of her grades or progress to her mentor in writing as often as they are available.
- Must turn in a copy of her grades before receiving funds for the next semester or quarter.
- Must be a legally single parent, divorced or widowed.
- Must have primary custody of the child or children.
- Must be free of substance abuse.
- Must provide information concerning financial and/or continued eligibility status, if requested.

I have read the WAC Scholarship Program student policies and requirements listed above, and agree to abide by these rules.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

