



Change Your World Scholarship

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- **Application deadlines are July 1 for fall and December 1 for spring semester assistance.**
- Read the application in its entirety before beginning to fill it out.
- Make and keep a copy of the application and all documentation before submitting it for consideration.
- Direct any questions to the address, email or phone number above.
- Use the checklist at the end of the application to be sure your submission is complete.
- Applications received incomplete or after the deadlines will not be considered.
- Applicants may be called for an interview.
- All information contained in applications will be held in confidence.

This scholarship is a project of the Women's Independence Scholarship Program, Inc. (WISP, Inc.), a private family foundation. We believe education is the key to success. Every student who is capable, motivated and willing to work hard should have the opportunity to earn a college degree. Our scholarships are for those who show the greatest promise of success, have financial need, and have made education their number one priority. We view each scholarship as an investment in an individual's future.

Eligibility requirements for the *Change the World Scholarship* are:

1. Academic Ability: Unweighted high school GPA ≥ 3.0 ; we prefer SAT ≥ 1500 or ACT ≥ 21 or 3.0 cum college GPA
2. Financial Need: Verified need (submittal of FAFSA and tax returns)
3. Age: Applicant is between the ages of 17 and 25
4. Affiliation: Child of a *Women's Independence Scholarship Program* graduate.

Recipients are required to maintain a 3.0 GPA and full-time enrollment status.

Funds are available for students attending 2 or 4 year colleges and universities. Schools must be accredited and may be public or private, however no proprietary schools will be considered. Preference is given for undergraduate students pursuing their first degree.

AWARDS

- A maximum of 50 awards are available per academic year
- Awards will not exceed \$3,000 per recipient per academic year
- Awards will be paid directly to the educational institution
- Once selected as a participant, recipients may renew this scholarship for subsequent school years
- Participants must complete their undergraduate program within 5 years

Biographical Information

Full Name	Birthdate
Home Address	SS#
	Driver's Lic. #
	Home Phone
Mailing Address	Work Phone
	Cell Phone
	Email Address

Mother's Name	Year WISP Grad
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List everyone who lives in your home: (attach another page if necessary)

Name	Age	Occupation	Relationship to you

What is your experience with volunteering/community service/extracurricular activities?

Academic Information

Name of School Attended	<u>Dates of Attendance</u> From To	Major Subject/Course and Degree Earned	Date of Graduation	
High School				Cum. GPA:
City/State				SAT:
				ACT:
College				Cum. GPA:
City/State				
Other School(s)				

College you plan to attend

Degree and Major

Reasons you chose this college

How many classes _____ and credit hours _____ will you take in the upcoming college term?

Expected month and year of graduation from college

Financial Information

Total annual income of all family members in your home

Are you working? ___ Yes ___ No If No, why not?

Name, address and phone number of your current employer

Hours you work per week

Hourly rate of pay

Your job duties

What do you do with your earnings?

If you plan to work while at college, the name of employer

Hours you work per week while in school

Hourly rate of pay

In addition to completing the FAFSA (copy of SAR must be attached to this application), list the other forms of financial assistance/grants/scholarships for which you have applied and the results so far

<p>What are your expected total <u>annual</u> college expenses:</p> <p>Tuition/Fees _____</p> <p>Books _____</p> <p>Room/Board _____</p> <p>Computer _____</p> <p>Other _____</p> <p>TOTAL _____</p>	<p>Amount you have/expect to have :</p> <p>Your savings _____</p> <p>Your loans _____</p> <p>Parents' savings _____</p> <p>Parents' loans _____</p> <p>Scholarships/Grants _____</p> <p>Other _____</p> <p>TOTAL _____</p>
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Explain in detail any unusual family or personal circumstances that have an impact on your financial situation and your ability to pay for college (siblings in college, medical crisis expenses, loss of primary income, etc.)

I UNDERSTAND THAT:

- WISP, Inc. reserves the right, at its discretion, to cancel or reduce any awards without liability.
- WISP, Inc. may do a criminal record check using my driver's license and/or social security number. I give permission for such a check and release any government agency and/or its personnel or representatives and the Women's Independence Scholarship Program, Inc. of any and all liability for sharing such information.
- I am submitting this application for a scholarship award, subject to the terms of the Change Your World scholarship program, and I certify that the information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Applicant's Narrative

*Put your name on each page. Spelling, grammar and neatness will be considered.
Narrative is to be a maximum of 5 pages typed, double spaced, with a minimum size 10 point font.*

Are you a first time college student? Go to Section A

Are you a returning or scholarship renewal student? Go to Section B

Section A

1. Why are you going to college? How will your college degree contribute to your life?
2. What are your goals and what obstacles must be overcome to achieve them?
3. Which of your accomplishments (so far) makes you the proudest? What are your greatest strengths? What are your greatest weaknesses?
4. Describe your high school coursework – did you take college prep courses? How have your courses prepared you for college?
5. Is there anything you would change about your high school career? Explain.

Section B

1. How has your life changed since you began college?
2. What have been your biggest surprises? Disappointments? Satisfactions?
3. Who/what has been the greatest help to you? Who/what has discouraged you the most?
4. Have you ever considered dropping out of school? Why? What convinced you to stay?
5. What decisions have you made up to this point that you would change if you could?

Checklist of Items to Submit for this Application

1. Application, pages 2 and 3, with signature on page 3
2. Narrative (see instructions above; use either "New" or "Alternate" questions)
3. Two non-personal letters of reference (letters may be from a teacher, advisor, employer, counselor, etc.) *Initial application only – not required for second or subsequent years.*
4. Official and complete final high school transcript (include standardized test scores) and complete transcript from any additional coursework since high school. *Initial application only – not required for second or subsequent years.*
5. Most recent invoice/statement of charges from your college. If no invoice is available, provide official estimate of charges projected for the semester for which you are applying.
6. Copy of your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) and a notice of financial aid/grants from your college financial aid office.
7. Copy of your class schedule for the upcoming term.
8. Copy of your parent/guardian's most recent Federal Tax Return.
9. Copy of your most recent Federal Tax Return. If you did not file, please note here.