

# 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 Illinois, has instituted a scholarship program “the Scholarship”, to benefit a female single parent who has a High School Diploma, or equivalent GED Certificate and desires to begin or continue a post-high school education.

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.
- 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 provide official transcript of any prior college courses (if taken)
- 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)
- Must provide three (3) letters of recommendations: Personal, Employer, or Friend who has known you for more than (2) years.
- Must provide two references with phone numbers and email addresses.

The Scholarship will include the following:

Financial aid for completion of 65 hours for a degree or two year vocational training program, for the payment of costs relating to the recipient’s post high school education and/or training costs including school registration costs, tuition and related expenses (books, lab fees, child care and other classroom supplies and fees) required under the recipient’s school curriculum.

The total for the Scholarship is not to exceed \$7,000 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.

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





**12.) What will be your child care arrangements while you attend school?**

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| Provider Name | Hours Needed/Provided Weekly |
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**II. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM NON-RELATIVES ARE REQUIRED TO BE SENT TO THE ZONTA CLUB AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN AT THE END OF THE APPLICATION.

**III. REFERENCES:**

PLEASE GIVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF TWO OTHER PERSONS WHO HAVE KNOWN YOU FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE.

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| Name | Address | Phone | Relationship |
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**IV. EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

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| Name of School & Training | Address | Hours completed/Degree<br>Granted (If applicable) |
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**Important Note:** It is the applicant's responsibility to forward to the Zonta Club an official copy of her most recent transcript or GED, if applicable. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**V. INCOME AND RESOURCES:**

Estimated costs and resources for the school year

**COSTS**

**RESOURCES:**

Tuition \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Savings \_\_\_\_\_

Books, Instructional Materials \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Income from Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Child Care \_\_\_\_\_

Other - Please explain \_\_\_\_\_ Child Support \_\_\_\_\_

Other – Please explain \_\_\_\_\_ Aid from other sources \_\_\_\_\_  
Food stamps, Pell grants, Govt. Aid:  
SSI/TANF) Circle all that apply.

Other – Please explain \_\_\_\_\_ Other sources \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL COST: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL RESOURCES: \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. APPLICANT’S CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:**

**A. I hereby state that the scholarship will be used to help pay for my education.**

**B. All information contained in this application is true and correct.**

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Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please send completed Application to:

**Women's Another Chance Committee**  
**Zonta Club of St. Louis**  
**P.O. Box 170083**  
**St. Louis, Missouri 63117**

Please attach:

1. Completed essay
2. Form 1040 tax returns from the last 2 calendar years
3. W2s from the last 2 calendar years
4. Form 1099