



## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR

### \$5,000 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Association for Women in Technology of Austin Foundation (AWTAF) is offering one or more \$5,000 scholarships for female high school seniors who will be enrolled in college/university-level courses for the 2008-2009 academic year. The application must be postmarked on or before **February 28, 2008**.

AWTA and its Foundation provide leadership, mentoring, community outreach, professional development and networking to women within the Austin technology community. This scholarship is intended to encourage and support women with the interest, the aptitude and the potential for a successful career in computer science, engineering or information technology.

#### ELIGIBILITY

An applicant must be a female high school student entering college:

- Resident of Hays, Travis or Williamson County
- United States citizen or permanent resident
- Female high school senior
- Enrolling full-time in an undergraduate degree program Fall 2008
- Minimum 2.8 GPA

Eligible majors:

- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Information Assurance
- Information Security
- Information Systems
- Management Information Systems

The AWTA Foundation does not consider any non-merit factors such as race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin or mental/physical disability in awarding this scholarship. The scholarship is payable over two long semesters. The scholarship recipient must maintain an overall GPA of **2.8** and continue studies in a qualified major to remain eligible for each payment.

#### APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

Applicants can obtain a scholarship application from the AWTA ([www.AWTAustin.org](http://www.AWTAustin.org)) website.



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING THE AWTA FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Complete application information is available on the AWTA ([www.AWTAustin.org](http://www.AWTAustin.org)) web site. The following is a check-list of required documents:

- Completed and signed scholarship application;
- A copy of your most recent transcript;
- Two letters of recommendation from current or former teachers, principals, pastors, coaches or other community leaders; and
- A copy of your resume listing your accomplishments, work, volunteer experience, etc.

The application and all required documents must be completed in full and must be postmarked on or before **February 28, 2008** to be considered for the scholarship. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!**

- Please retain a full copy of your completed application.
- **Please do not bind your application** as it will be photocopied for review.
- Submit **one copy only** of all required documents by mail, fax or email to:

Association of Women in Technology 2303 Ranch Road 620 South Suite 135, Box 180 Austin, TX 78734 <b>Email:</b> info@AWTAustin.org <b>Fax:</b> 512-555-5555
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### EVALUATION

The application evaluation takes into consideration, but is not limited to factors such as GPA, technology-related activities, community services, personal essay, letters of recommendation and completeness of application.

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### SELECTION

Any student selected to receive the scholarship will be notified in writing or by telephone, and will be invited to attend an award ceremony in May. Recipients will also receive a one-year AWTA membership and are encouraged to support and participate in AWTA-sponsored events..

Scholarship funds (\$2,500 each long semester) will be sent directly to the financial aid office at the college/university where the recipient is enrolled. The scholarship recipient must maintain an overall GPA of **2.8** and continue studies in a qualified major to remain eligible for each grant payment.



## Association of Women in Technology Austin Foundation 2008 Scholarship Application

### I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### II. EDUCATION INFORMATION

#### *High School Information*

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

#### *College Information*

List the top three universities or colleges you plan to consider attending next year:

University or College \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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Planned area of study (major) \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated number of credit hours you plan to carry per semester/quarter \_\_\_\_\_

Expected year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_





**IV. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

A. List and describe your involvement in any technology-related activities such as computer/math/science club, personal website, event participation, awards, seminars, memberships, recognition letters, etc. You may include this information in your resume.

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B. List and describe your involvement in any other extra curricular activities such as athletics, social clubs, debate, Girl Scouts, etc. You may include this information in your resume.

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**V. COMMUNITY SERVICE**

List and describe your participation in any community service activities and your volunteer efforts. You may include this information in your resume.

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**VI. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Provide two letters of recommendation from current or former teachers, principals, pastors, coaches or other community leaders. Each letter must include at a minimum:

- Applicant's name
- Length and nature of the relationship between the applicant and recommender
- Evaluation of applicant's technical aptitude
- Description of applicant's personal strengths and accomplishments
- Other information or factors pertinent to the applicant's potential for success
- Recommender's name and title/position

Please share these guidelines with each person you ask to write a letter of recommendation.

**VII. CERTIFICATION**

If selected, the scholarship recipient agrees to the AWTA Foundation's rights to publicize her award, including distribution of her name, short biography, photo and application information distributed by the AWTA Foundation, and included on their website. The recipient agrees to participate in follow-up studies designed to monitor the effectiveness of the scholarship program.

Each of the undersigned certifies that the above information is correct. Applicant and applicant's parent/guardian will promptly notify the AWTA scholarship committee of any address change, or change in college/school designated herein, or other change in educational plans which would impact any scholarship grant awarded.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

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Parent or Guardian  
(Required if Applicant is less than 18 years old)

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Date

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Name of Parent/Guardian (type or print clearly)