



# WOMEN IN STEM Scholarship (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

## Application



## Women in STEM Scholarship

### *A Scholarship from the Zonta Club of Madison*

#### **About Zonta**

Founded in 1919, Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. With more than 30,000 members belonging to more than 1,200 Zonta Clubs in 67 countries and geographic areas, Zontians all over the world volunteer their time, talents and support to local and international service projects, as well as scholarship programs aimed at fulfilling Zonta's mission and objects. More information about Zonta International and the Zonta Club of Madison can be found at <https://www.zontaofmadison.org/>.

#### **The Women in STEM Scholarship**

As a means of encouraging more women to pursue undergraduate & graduate degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math, the Zonta Club of Madison & the Zonta Madison Foundation is sponsoring a \$1,000 Women in STEM Scholarship for students to help fund studies at an accredited university, college or institute. Recognizing that women continue to be in the minority in STEM fields, Zonta is committed to helping women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in STEM fields.

#### **Who Is Eligible?**

- Women of any age pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math, who demonstrate outstanding potential in the field are eligible to apply.
- Applicants who are living or studying in the Madison/Dane County area or Stevens Point/Portage County in Wisconsin are eligible.
- Online students are eligible to apply if enrolled at an accredited university, college or institute.
- Students must be enrolled in the second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a master's program at the time the application is submitted to the Zonta Club of Madison.
- Applicants must be in school at the time the scholarship funds are disbursed and must not graduate before April of 2025.
- Deadline for submission of application and supporting materials is **June 15, 2024**.
- Applicants must have a strong overall academic record, particularly in STEM areas, and demonstrate initiative, ambition and commitment to pursuing a career in STEM.
- Previous Women in STEM Scholarship recipients may not apply. Classified members and employees of Zonta, and their family members, are not eligible to apply for the scholarship. Golden Z club members may apply.

## How Do I Apply?

Complete an official application in English. Please note that only typed applications will be accepted and considered. Applications can be downloaded from the Zonta Club of Madison website ([Women in STEM](#)) and must include:

1. One recommendation from a faculty member in the major field of study.
2. One recommendation from an employer, volunteer supervisor, or academic advisor. (*NOTE: Club members and employees of Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women are not eligible to write recommendation letters for applicants.*)
3. Each recommendation must include a signed & dated recommendation form (included in application packet).
4. An essay in 500 words or less that clearly describes your academic and professional goals, the relevance of your program to your chosen STEM field, and how the Zonta Club of Madison Women in STEM Scholarship will assist you in reaching your goals. (Essays exceeding 500 words will not be considered.)
5. Verification of current enrollment form from the university/college/institute registrar (included in application packet). Verification includes an official University/school stamp and must be clearly visible. Acceptance letters are not verification of enrollment and will not be accepted.
6. Official detailed transcripts of grades or equivalent records for all universities, colleges, or institutes attended, with an explanation of the grading system for each transcript submitted.
7. All non-English documents must be translated into English.
8. All application materials must be received at the Zonta Club of Madison by the **June 15, 2024, deadline.**
9. Applications that are incomplete or late due to postal delays, transmittal by third parties, or other circumstances will not be considered. Applications are accepted by email or regular mail; however, **email submissions are preferred.** Applications submitted by email must be signed and sent as a PDF. **All electronic and scanned documents must be clear and legible.**

## What Is the Application Process?

Application materials can be found on the Zonta Club of Madison website: [Women in STEM Scholarship](#).

It is recommended that candidates initiating the application process for the STEM scholarship contact the Zonta Club scholarship chair via this email address: [zontamadisonscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:zontamadisonscholarship@gmail.com).

The Scholarship Evaluation Committee will consider applications, select the awardee and notify her by July 15, 2024.

## How May I Use the Scholarship Funds?

1. The scholarship may be used for any expenses that support the achievement of a degree in a STEM-related field.
2. For domestic and foreign recipients studying in the United States, scholarship funds used for tuition, books, fees, supplies or required equipment for the program of study are not considered taxable income.
3. Withholding taxes may be required on funds used for living expenses or other non-qualified expenses.
4. Recipients are not permitted to defer the scholarship.
5. Recipients may accept additional grants and scholarships from other sources.

## Timetable

<b>Applications</b> received by Zonta Club of Madison...	<b>15 June</b>
<b>Club recipient</b> is selected and notified...	<b>15 July</b>



## Application for Women in STEM Scholarship (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

SEND APPLICATION AND DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO:

**Application Deadline:** June 15, 2024  
**Zonta Club of:** Madison  
**Attention:** Jane L Hartman  
**Address:** PO Box 14603  
**City/State:** Madison, Wisconsin 53708-0603  
**Province/Country:** USA  
**Telephone:** 608-278-0519  
**Email address:** zontamadisonscholarship@gmail.com

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last (Family) First Middle

Present mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Home email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date/month/year)

University/college/institute currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Current year of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Major/field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Plans for study under the Women in STEM Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree sought: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected graduation date (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

## Academic Background

Your application must include official detailed transcripts of grades or equivalent records from all universities, colleges or institutions attended, including undergraduate institutions. An explanation of the grading system must be included for each transcript. **Please add your current degree sought and expected graduation dated (month/year).** Please ensure that all transcripts are legible. **Do not upload/include any unofficial transcripts as they will not be accepted.**

University/college/institute	(Year) to (Year)	Major field	Degree	Date of degree/anticipated

## Scholarships, Fellowships, Honors received during the studies listed above (include dates)

(Attach an additional sheet if necessary)


## Employment history

From (month/year)	To (month/year)	Employer	Address	Type of work or position held

## Volunteer and Other Activities

(Please describe your volunteer, non-scholastic activities, memberships and cultural interests):

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## Recommendations

Please give one of the attached recommendation forms in this packet to a faculty member in your major field of study and one to an academic advisor, organization supervisor, employer, volunteer supervisor.

Note that a faculty member in your major field of study must be one of the referees. These recommendations are confidential, and you will not be able to view the completed responses. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that these recommendations have been turned in by the deadline. Each recommendation must be signed, dated and completed by the referee.

Please list below those who will submit recommendations:

Name	Position	Title	College/university/institute
1.			
2.			

## Declaration by Applicant

I certify that all of the information contained in my application form is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I did not receive assistance in completing the essay portions of this application other than translation into English if needed.

I grant permission to the Zonta Club of Madison/Zonta Madison Foundation to use my name and photograph to publicize and promote the Women in STEM Scholarship.

I confirm that I have not applied to more than one Zonta club for this scholarship.

I confirm that I am not a family member of a club member or individual with direct membership with Zonta International or employee of Zonta International.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert image of signature OR print, sign and scan this page)

## Data Protection

The Zonta Club of Madison takes the security of your data seriously. We will never sell, trade or rent your personal information provided in this application to third parties. By submitting this application, you agree to the use of your data in accordance with the *Privacy Policy and Publicity Authorization Form* contained in the application documents (included in this application).

## Checklist to be completed by Applicant:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Official detailed transcripts from all universities/colleges/institutions (must be translated to English)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation letters (two)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation forms signed, filled out
- \_\_\_\_\_ Verification of Current Enrollment form with school stamp
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signatures on all forms as required

How did you learn of the Women in STEM Scholarship?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Social Media
- \_\_\_\_\_ Department/teacher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Directory of grants at financial aid office
- \_\_\_\_\_ Website (name):
- \_\_\_\_\_ Previous recipient (name):
- \_\_\_\_\_ Zonta Club (name):

## PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION AND GOALS

(Please type in English.)

In 500 words or less, please describe your academic and professional goals, the relevance of your major/academic program/course of study to the pursuit of your professional goals, and how the Women in STEM Scholarship will assist you in reaching your goals. (Essays exceeding 500 words will not be considered.) Please provide a word count at the end of your essay.





## Recommendation for Women in STEM Scholarship (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Please return this form by: June 15, 2024

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature (required)

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last (Family) Name First Middle

Recommendation from: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Position/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
College/university/institute/business/organization

The applicant above has applied for a Zonta Club of Madison Women in STEM Scholarship. The Scholarship Evaluation Committee greatly values and appreciates your opinion. On a separate page, please discuss the applicant's accomplishments; current academic program or work experience; intellectual independence; capacity for analytical thinking; ability to organize and express ideas clearly; creativity; motivation; and potential for learning and succeeding in her chosen STEM field. You may write your recommendation letter on letterhead of your choice, but you must sign and submit the letter with this form.

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the applicant with respect to your experience with other students/employees in this field/position:

____ Exceptional Top 5%	____ Good Next 15%	____ Below Average Last 40%
____ Very Good Next 10%	____ Average Next 30%	____ Insufficient opportunity to observe

\_\_\_\_\_  
Referee's Signature (required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please return this form and letter to:** *(use email below for electronic copies)*

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Madison, WI 53708-0603  
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Date

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## Verification of Current Enrollment Women in STEM Scholarship

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is currently enrolled in  
(name of student)

\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
(year of degree program ) (name of course/degree being studied)

at \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of college/university/institute)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(address college/university/institute)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of college/university/institute official)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(official stamp of the college/university/institute )



## Zonta Club of Madison Women in STEM

### Scholarship Program Privacy Policy and Publicity Authorization

The Zonta Club of Madison is committed to honoring the privacy and wishes of all of its scholarship recipients at all times. In order to do this, please read the following information carefully and indicate your agreement as appropriate.

1. Most data collected by the Zonta Club of Madison is used only to help Zonta better serve its scholarship recipients. It is our general policy to collect and store only personal information that our recipients knowingly provide. Zonta does not sell, trade, or rent your personally identifying information to third parties. We take reasonable measures not to disclose personally identifying information about you.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the above paragraph and agree to the Terms and Conditions therein.  
(initial)

2. From time to time, the Zonta Club of Madison conducts various marketing activities to promote its scholarship programs. In addition, to ensure Zonta's ability to fund the scholarships, Zonta may from time to time provide information to donors about recipients of their donations. Zonta retains the right to use your name, photograph and biographical information to promote the Women in STEM scholarship in various promotional materials, including the website.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the above paragraph and agree to the Terms and Conditions therein.  
(initial)

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Signature required (*insert image of signature OR print, sign and scan this page*)

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Date

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Please print your name.