

Gospel Music Worship of America
Women's Council Annual Scholarships
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2017 Application

Eligibility

The women's Council of the Gospel Music Workshop of America awards one (1) to three (3) scholarship(s) each year at the GMWA annual convention.

The scholarships are open to deserving female or male applicants of the GMWA. Applicants must be enrolled in and actively pursuing in the upcoming semester any higher education degree or certification program from an accredited institution, to include colleges, universities, trade/specialty schools, business schools, post-graduate programs, etc. On-line programs may qualify so long as they are part of an approved curriculum of a degree/certification program in which the applicant is currently enrolled.

All scholarships require a writing sample and certification from your Chapter Representative that you are indeed matriculating in a post-secondary education program. Applications will only be accepted from Chapter Representatives and their Assistant Representatives. Scholarship winners will be announced at the GMWA Convention's Women's Council **Annual Hatter's Tea on Thursday, July 27, 2017**. Recipients need not be present to accept. Scholarships are made payable directly to the institution(s) of higher learning.

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is most probable that scholarship funds will not post on the school(s) account(s) by the end of the first semester.

Judging Criteria:

- I. **Christian Involvement** (church) **15 points**
- Regular attendance
 - Organization/ministries affiliation
 - Letter of recommendation of good standing
- II. **Scholarship Record** (school) **15 points**
- Grade Point Average (submit documentation)
 - Awards/honors/leadership
 - Extra-curricular school activities
- III. **Community Involvement** **15 points**
- Organizations/affiliations
 - Projects
 - Awards/honors/leadership
- IV. **GMWA Participation** **25 points**
- Local Chapter
 - National Level
- V. **Essay** **30 points**
- Content/originality
 - Clarity
 - Grammar
 - Goals

In addition to the required letters of recommendation as noted, others are helpful.

Personal Information

Name_____ Date of Birth_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip Code_____

Telephones_(_____)_____(home); (_____)_____(cell)

E-mail Address_____

Marital Status _____ Number and ages of children _____

Employment Information

Employer _____

Address _____

Supervisor _____ Work phone () _____

Job description _____

How would your educational pursuit for which you seek this scholarship impact your current job and/or your career aspirations? _____

Educational Information

Name of school in which you are enrolled for the upcoming fall session

_____ Address

of financial aid office _____

Major _____ Degree/Certificate pursued _____

Number of semester hours required to complete the program _____

How far are you in the program? _____

Why are you in this particular program? _____

GMWA Involvement

Chapter _____ How long in Chapter? _____

Describe your participation in your Chapter _____

Writing Sample

Please attach an essay of 400-500 words on one of the following topics: I am the best candidate for the GMWA Women’s Council scholarship because...” or “Membership in the GMWA has inspired my education...” **The essays must be double-spaced, in 14-point size and in Times New Roman font.** It must have one-inch left and right margins. Points will be subtracted for spelling and grammatical errors. You must indicate your **word count** at the end of your essay.

Submission Instructions

Submit your completed application with your writing sample attached, by hard copy or e-mail, to your Chapter Representative or his/her designate by July 1, 2017. Your Chapter Representative must certify that you are/have been an active chapter member and that you are currently pursuing a qualifying program as previously described. Your Chapter Representative will submit your approved application to the Women’s Council by Saturday, July 15, 2017. This submission may be by e-mail (preferred method) to GMWAladyscholar@aol.com, **subject: GMWA Scholarships**; or by mail to Andrea C. Long, Esq., GMWA Women’s Council Scholarships, 1417 Brook Road, Richmond, VA 23220. If by mail, it must be postmarked by July 15.

Chapter Representative's Certification

I, _____, Chapter Representative/
Assistant Chapter Representative (select one) of the _____
Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America do certify that the person who
submitted this application is known by me to be/have been a member of my
Chapter and to be enrolled in and pursuing a higher education program in the
upcoming fall session as described herein, qualifying him/her for consideration of
this scholarship. I recommend him/her for consideration for a Women's Council
scholarship.

Signature_____