

ZONTA “FULL STEAM AHEAD” SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by Zonta West – Illinois

PURPOSE

To support young women pursuing higher education in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Aeronautics, or Mathematics (STEAM).

AWARD

This award (\$750) can be applied to tuition, books, fees, and materials directly related to the course of study, and administered by the academic scholarship office. It is the recipient's responsibility to notify the Zonta West – Illinois Scholarship Committee of the name and scholarship office address of the chosen educational facility.

ELIGIBILITY

- High School Senior entering college in the fall term as a full-time student.
- Permanent family residence for 12 months prior to the application deadline within the following school districts: *Batavia Public School District 101, Burlington Community School District 301, Kaneland Community School District 302, St. Charles Community Unit School District 303, Geneva Community Unit School District 304, Elgin School District Unit 46, East Aurora District 131, West Aurora School District 129.* This includes private school students within the boundaries of the aforementioned public school districts that also meet the residency requirements.
- Must be committed to completing, on a full-time basis, a two-year or four-year degree program in the fields of science, technology, engineering, aeronautics or mathematics.
- Must submit an official high school transcript.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Community service activities/extra-curricular activities
2. Applicable field of study (language, business, music)
3. Financial need – prior year tax return or current Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application is required
4. Academic performance – official transcript is required
5. Letter(s) of recommendation

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for application packets is **March 31, 2022** and must be postmarked on or before this date. All application packets need to be complete with relevant supporting documentation to address financial need, academic standing, and reference. Incomplete application packets will NOT be considered.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

All applications should be typewritten. Application documents are posted on the Zonta website (www.zontawest.-sgb.org).

Awardees will be selected by the Zonta West–Illinois Scholarship Committee. Interviews may be conducted, and additional written references may be required. This scholarship will be routed through the academic scholarship office; no funds will be issued directly to awardees.

Immediate family members of Zonta West – Illinois are not eligible.

ZONTA “FULL STEAM AHEAD” APPLICATION FORM

Zonta West – Illinois actively promotes empowering women and girls through service and advocacy and encouraging educational achievement among female students in the local community. This scholarship will be awarded to a young woman who wishes to pursue higher education in Science, Technology, Engineering, Aeronautics, or Mathematics (STEAM).

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant & Parent (if a minor) Phone #: _____

Email address: (Parent/Guardian if applicant is a minor): _____

How many years at this address? _____ Birthdate: _____

Previous address (if less than 1 year): _____

What is your career goal and why have you chosen it? *(A separate attachment may be used.)*

What will winning the Zonta STEAM Scholarship mean to you? *(A separate attachment may be used.)*

How do you plan to finance your college education?

Explain any special circumstances that affect your financial situation:

List any other scholarships and/or financial aid you will receive including aid from family.

Level of education completed: _____

College Preference (school name & address): _____

Enrolling for 12+ credit hours? ____ Yes ____ No

List community service and extracurricular activities including the name of the organization, club, or sport; the capacity served, years involved, offices held, and time devoted annually. (*A separate attachment may be used.*)

WORK EXPERIENCE

List names & addresses of your two most recent employers and job responsibilities:

Current:

Dates: _____

Previous:

Dates: _____

How did you learn about this scholarship?

I certify that all information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge, and I meet the eligibility requirements for this scholarship. I understand that any information I submit with this application may be confidentially reviewed and verified by the Zonta West – Illinois Scholarship Committee. If I am awarded a scholarship, I agree to release my name and relevant information for public relation purposes.

Applicant Signature

Date

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- Application packet must include current tax return or FAFSA application indicating parent/guardian AND applicant’s most recent year’s income
- Official transcripts for most recent school attended

- A minimum of one letter of recommendation is required to meet eligibility. Submit additional letter(s) of recommendation, if so desired
- Incomplete application packets will NOT be considered

Please email completed applications and required documentation by March 31, 2022 to ZontaSGB@gmail.com or print and mail to:

Scholarship Committee
Zonta West – Illinois
P.O. Box 811
St. Charles, Illinois 60174