

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ILLINOIS

Scholarship Application 2025



GFWC Mission Statement:

GFWC is a philanthropic organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. This year, GFWC Illinois will award scholarships to students pursuing arts, drama, health & wellness, music, and vocational studies.

Scholarship Eligibility:

- Pursuing a related major or minor in the selected field of study listed above.
- Must attend a community college, college, university, or vocational school physically located in the state of Illinois during the Fall 2025 semester.
- Must be a graduating high school senior, current college/university/vocational student, and/or an adult returning to school.
- Must be a resident of the state of Illinois.

Submission:

Applications must be mailed in one sealed envelope, postmarked by **APRIL 1, 2025**.
Materials that are late or incomplete will not be accepted.

Judy Rader
Attn: GFWC IL Scholarships
132 11th Street,
Lincoln, Il, 62656

Disqualification:

- Failure to meet eligibility requirements
- Late or incomplete application
- Letters of recommendation from family or friends

Award Notification:

Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee. The minimum award is \$1,500. Scholarship winners will be notified by June 15th via email and postal mail. Winners will be posted on the GFWC Illinois Website.

If selected to receive a scholarship, the student will be required to show a letter of acceptance from the school the student will attend in the Fall 2025 semester. Checks will be mailed and written directly to the college, university, or vocational school.

Questions:

Please email scholarshipifwc@gmail.com with questions.

Communication will only occur between the scholarship committee and the applicant.

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2025 Lorado Taft ART Scholarship Application (minimum \$1,500 award)

Applications & all materials must be mailed in one sealed envelope, postmarked by **APRIL 1, 2025.**

Student Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____
Street City Zip

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

High School Graduation Date: _____ Cumulative High School GPA: _____ / _____

Anticipated Graduation Date (college, university, vocational school): _____

School you will attend in Fall Semester 2025: _____

School Mailing Address: _____
Street City Zip

Major: _____ Minor: _____

If current college/university/vocational student: Cumulative GPA: _____ / _____

Application Items: the following MUST be included in the application packet

1. Resume with dates of participation. Include the following:
 - a. Extracurricular activities
 - b. Volunteer activities
 - c. Leadership positions
 - d. Detailed art background: courses, competitions, shows, awards etc.
2. What are your ambitions and goals for the next 5 years? (250 word maximum)
3. GFWC is a service organization. What does service and volunteering mean to you?
How do you demonstrate your commitment to service? (250 word maximum)
4. Transcripts: high school (include ACT/SAT scores if taken), college/university/vocational transcripts
5. Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, coach, advisor, boss, or other professional source
 - a. Recommendations from family or friends will disqualify the applicant
6. Color photographs of 3 original art pieces with a **description** including: title, materials used, and interpretation of the piece. Include a variety of styles, subjects, and techniques if possible.

NOTE: Materials submitted with the application will NOT be returned.

I attest the application materials are my own and I accept the terms of the scholarship application:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____