



The WITAN President's Scholarship at The University of Akron

Information and Application

WITAN (Women in Touch with Akron's Needs) is a unique nonprofit organization of women founded in 1943 by seven civic-minded young women. Membership has grown to over 250 remarkable women who give of their time and money as volunteers to benefit our community.

WITAN's mission is three-fold:

- To educate members concerning civic responsibility and to promote volunteerism.
- To recognize, establish and financially support projects that fulfill a need in the community.
- To develop and nurture friendships by working together toward a common goal.

Potential candidates:

- The applicant must be a female nontraditional student at The University of Akron who is in her final year of undergraduate or graduate study.
- All applicants must file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form with the Student Financial Aid Office, Simmons Hall, (330) 972-7032.
- Members of WITAN and their families are not eligible.
- Funds are dispersed directly to the University of Akron.
- Recipients may only receive the scholarship once. Applicant must agree to use funds granted during the current academic year.
- There is only one scholarship awarded annually for \$1,000.
- Candidates may receive a phone call during the selection process requesting further information; however, the application should be as complete as possible.
- Current resume/curriculum vitae including education, work and volunteer history must accompany the application.
- One current letter of recommendation must be included in support of your application and postmarked by February 29, 2024.
- This letter may be from a professor, employer, or other professional (not a relative).
- Staples cannot be used on the application—only use paperclips.
- In addition, please do not use double-sided copies.
- Please keep a copy of all materials submitted to WITAN.
- Please send only requested materials. No other materials will be considered.

Application, resume and recommendation letter must be postmarked by February 29, 2024.

Please send Scholarship Application, Resume and References to:

Scott Roberts, Assistant Director
UA Adult Focus
The University of Akron
Polsky Building 467
Akron, Ohio 44325-4110
adultfocus@uakron.edu



The WITAN Presidents' Scholarship Committee will notify the recipient by March 15, 2024.

The WITAN President's Scholarship Application

Return this completed application postmarked by February 29, 2024.

PERSONAL INFORMATION – Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email address _____

Cumulative GPA at The University of Akron: _____

Major: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

College: _____

Transfer GPA (if applicable): _____ (e.g., Business, Engineering, Education)

How does your employment or volunteer work impact your life? Feel free to add additional information.

REFERENCES – Please include a recommendation in a signed (by the recommender) and sealed envelope.

Recommendation from the following is attached:

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Position _____

Why did you choose this person as a reference?



Please instruct the individual writing your letter of recommendation to return the recommendation to you in a signed and sealed envelope. This recommendation should come from an individual who knows you well and can discuss your work, volunteer or academic experience.

Applicant Name _____

Resume/Curriculum Vitae (including education, work and volunteer experience) attached

Personal Statement attached

Please write your essay to answer the question "I am applying for this scholarship because_____."
Include information in your essay that tells us more about your specific need for this scholarship, your career goals, personal background, etc.

FINANCIAL NEED:

I _____(applicant's name) grant representatives of WITAN access to my financial aid information as available through the Financial Aid office at The University of Akron. I understand that this information will be used in determining my eligibility for the WITAN President's Scholarship Award.



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