



# Greater Los Angeles Chapter

## 2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

### HOW TO APPLY

Complete the Scholarship Application in its entirety and submit to:  
[widglacscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:widglacscholarship@gmail.com).

Make sure you've accurately completed every section of the application. There are spots in the application where you may attach/copy/paste:

- Proof of Citizenship
- College Transcripts
- Resume/Work History
- 500 Word Essay
- Two (2) Letters of recommendation

Incomplete applications will not be considered for the scholarship.

If you do not receive a confirmation email within 24 hours of finalizing your application, please contact Jackie Hoofring at [widglacscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:widglacscholarship@gmail.com).

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be a woman currently or expecting to be enrolled in an accredited California university or college by the fall of 2026 OR a California resident attending an accredited college or university in the United States of America.

- Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible.
- Demonstrate an interest or have had experience in a career related to Aerospace, Defense, defense related industries, Engineering, national security and similar courses of study. Persons working in the A&D industry who have returned to school to finish a degree will be considered along with Business Students who intend on working in the Defense industries.
- Be a citizen of the United States.

## **AWARDEE REQUIREMENTS**

- Allow WID to use their names, areas of study and educations in public affairs release
- You will receive an invitation to a WID Scholar Celebration at our “Service to the Flag” event, Q3, 2026 (Date TBD). If you are able to attend, WID will pay travel expenses. Awardees will speak about their academic experiences, network with WID members and meet professionals in the defense and national security industry.
- Upon notification of selection, awardees must provide a headshot and logo for publications.
- Allow WID to share applicant info with Sponsors and Strategic Partners.

## **FIELDS OF STUDY**

Focus of the scholarship is on the following preferred fields of study: Aviation, Aerospace, Defense, defense related industries and manufacturing, security studies, all branched of engineering, computer science, cyber security, physics, mathematics, material science, business (as it relates to national security or defense or manufacturing), law (as it relates to national security or defense), international relations, political science, military history, policy and diplomacy, intelligence and economics. Others will be considered if the applicant can successfully demonstrate relevance to a career in national security, defense and/or defense related industries.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Awards will be based on academic achievement, participation in activities, fields of study as defined, work experience, statements of objectives, recommendations and a compelling essay. Women in Defense-GLAC reserves the right to revise, suspend or discontinue this program without notice.

## **PAYING IT FORWARD**

Awardees may be asked to show the impact their WID Scholarship has had on their lives. They may be asked to speak at NDIA or WID events. They may be asked to write a short paragraph on their experiences for WID publications.

For general inquiries regarding the WID-GLAC scholarship, please email Jackie Hoofring at [widglacscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:widglacscholarship@gmail.com).

Thank you, we look forward to learning more about your inspiring career-story!