

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of convenience and comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Women In Focus, Inc. 2018 Scholarship Information

Women In Focus, Inc. Scholarship Program

Each year, Women In Focus, Inc., a Madison-area women’s service organization, awards scholarships to deserving college-bound students of color whose achievements and goals embody the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King’s vision. Proceeds from the organization’s annual “I Have A Dream” Scholarship Banquet and Ball and other fundraising activities are used to fund the awards.

The majority of Women In Focus Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school students. These awards are the *Women In Focus Scholarships*.

In addition, we have two continuing adult college student scholarships. Those awards are the:

- *Miss Annie Mae Scholarship* and
- *Al and Jan Studesville Scholarship*

Although the size of each scholarship is determined annually, each award given is a minimum of \$2,000.

Requirements of our merit based Scholarships:

1. Must be a student of color;
2. Must have a minimum of a 2.5 G.P.A.;
3. Must be a current high school senior graduating from a Dane County High School **OR** a continuing adult student who is attending an institute of higher education in Dane County, WI.;
4. Must present evidence of high school or GED equivalent education;

Unfortunately graduate students are not eligible for any of the awards.

Preference may be given to those who:

1. Demonstrate a financial need;
2. Demonstrate a spirit of community involvement and academic achievement;
3. Will be first generation college student in their family.

All applications will be reviewed by a scholarship selection committee.

Upon the receipt of a scholarship award, recipients will be honored at our Scholarship Recognition Reception on April 26, 2018. The Award checks will be mailed to recipients commencing in August, 2018, once proof of college enrollment **and** course registration documentation have been provided to Women In Focus, Inc.

Application Packet Requirements

Only applications that are completed and postmarked by **February 15, 2018**, will be reviewed. **There will be no exceptions.** Women In Focus, Inc. Scholarship applications are complete only if all the following items are submitted:

1. Applicant Information Sheets (3 pages) – Student identification, contact info, anticipated graduation date, family situation, parent permissions if required, name and photo publication permission. Please note the application needs to be signed in two sections. In the application verification section and the name/ photo publication permission section.
2. Goal Statement - A one-page essay based upon Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s principle, "making a difference through service." (See description on next page)
3. Two Letters of Recommendation – Please submit (2) letters of recommendation from persons who can comment on your work, your achievements, your service and/or your plans for the future
 - a. (1) letter from a high school/college teacher or other staff member
 - b. (1) letter from a non-related adult who knows applicant well
4. A Resume or Achievement List – describing accomplishments, awards, honors, interests and community service or volunteer activities.
5. An Official High School or College Transcript
6. Photo of the Applicant

Mail completed application to: Scholarship Review Committee, Women In Focus, Inc., P.O. Box 44013, Madison, WI 53744.

Address questions to:

Ms. Treater Prestine

treaterprestine@hotmail.com

Subject line: WIF Scholarship questions

Additional application instructions:

RESUME or ACHIEVEMENT LIST

Attach a copy of your resume or tell us about your accomplishments and dreams in the following areas:

Community Service Activities

Explain how you have served your community in school and outside of school.

Awards and Honors

List any awards, honors, or recognitions you have received from your high school/college, community service organizations, or religious congregation over the past four years.

Interests

Describe relevant personal interests and hobbies that you did not mention above.

Employment (if applicable)

Indicate where you have worked, your position, approximate number of hours worked per week and length of employment.

GOAL STATEMENT

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said "Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love and you can be that servant." In the spirit of Dr. King, **please tell us about the goals you have for your future. What do you plan to study in college and what are your possible career plans? Why have you selected these? If you are still deciding about a major or career, describe the areas that you would like to explore in your studies.**

If there are extenuating circumstances which have affected your academic performance, please describe them briefly.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit two (2) letters of recommendation from persons who can comment on your work, your achievements, your service and/or your plans for the future. One letter must be from a teacher or other staff person at your school. The other can be from a non-related adult who knows you fairly well.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Either include a transcript of your high school or college work with your application or have one sent directly to Scholarship Review Committee, Women In Focus, Inc., P.O. Box 44013, Madison, WI 53744 prior to the application deadline.

Women In Focus, Inc. 2018 Scholarship Application Form

APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION (please type or print)

Name	
Last Name	First Name
	Middle Initial

Permanent Mailing Address:

Street	Apt. #

City	State	Zip

Home Phone		Cell Phone	
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E-Mail		Date of Birth	
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Which scholarship(s) are you applying to:

- Women In Focus** - High School Seniors only, from Dane County Schools
- Miss Annie Mae** - Non-traditional Adult continuing student
- Al and Jan Studesville** - Non-traditional Adult continuing student

Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	Race/Ethnicity <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Racial <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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High School or College currently attending	
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Anticipated Graduation Date		Cumulative GPA	
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Total number of people living in household

Ages of siblings:

2017 Household Income Range:

___ less than \$25,000

___ \$25,001-\$45,000

___ \$45,001- \$65,000

___ \$65,001-\$85,000

___ \$85,001-\$105,000

___ over \$105,000

Parent/Guardian:

Name

Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

E-Mail

APPLICANT VERIFICATION

I verify that the information included in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of parent/guardian (if applicant
is less than 18 years of age)

Date

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NAME AND PHOTO PUBLICATION PERMISSION AND RELEASE

I hereby give Women In Focus, Inc. of Madison, Wisconsin, the right and permission, with respect to the photographs that have been taken of me or groups in which I may be included:

- a) To copyright the same in their own name or any other name they may choose;
- b) To use, reuse, publish and republish the same in whole or in part, individually or in conjunction with other photographs, in any medium and for any purpose whatsoever, including (but not by way of limitation) illustration, promotion, advertising and educational information.

I release and discharge Women In Focus Inc. from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of the photographs, including any and all claims for libel.

Women In Focus, Inc. may publish my name if I am a scholarship recipient.

I am over the age of 18. I have read the information above and I fully understand the contents thereof.

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of parent/guardian
(if applicant is less than 18 years of age)

Date

BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR PHOTO WITH YOUR APPLICATION