



WIT-NC Scholarship Program

THE PROGRAM

WIT-NC awards educational scholarship(s) to students (male or female) interested in pursuing a career in international trade. The program was established to provide students attending an accredited Northern California College, University, or Graduate Institution with financial assistance for educational expenses.

This scholarship program is administered by WIT-NC, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing women in business and the premier organization for international trade professionals in the San Francisco Bay Area. WIT-NC is an affiliate of the Organization of Women in International Trade (OWIT).

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to the WIT-NC Scholarship Program must be:

- Enrolled in an accredited Northern California College, University or Graduate Institution.
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Have career aspirations in the field of International Trade

Awards are granted without regard to gender, race, religion, color, creed, age, disability, citizenship or national origin.

AWARDS

If selected as a recipient for a WIT-NC Scholarship, the student will receive a \$2,000 award. The award is non-renewable and previous winners will not be permitted to apply again.

APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the scholarship application provided (which can also be found at www.wit-nc.com), and e-mail (endowment@wit-nc.com) it along with a current, complete transcript (official or unofficial) of grades to the WIT-NC Scholarship Committee no later than **October 1st, 2011**. Online transcripts must display student name, school name, grade/credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken.

In addition to a completed application form and transcript (official or unofficial), applicants are required to submit:

- a one-page résumé;
- an essay of approximately 500 words outlining their career goals in the field of international trade;
- an essay of no more than 300 words highlighting both leadership and community involvement;
- two letters of reference: one personal and one academic.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications that are incomplete will not be considered. Applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their application. If



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an acknowledgment is not received within one week, applicants may contact WIT-NC to verify that the application has been received. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by the WIT-NC Scholarship Committee, WIT-NC Board of Directors, and selected representatives from our Platinum Sponsors, if applicable.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients for the WIT-NC Scholarship Program are selected primarily on the basis of their demonstrated interest in the field of international trade and their career goals. Special consideration will be given to leadership and participation in school and community activities, as well as academic honors, work experience, and recommendations. Financial need is not considered.

Initial selection of recipients is made by the WIT-NC Scholarship Committee, with the final winner(s) selected by the WIT-NC Board of Directors and WIT-NC Platinum Sponsors, where applicable. All applicants agree to accept the decision of WIT-NC as final.

All applicants will be notified by mid-November. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients. Students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

WIT-NC processes scholarship payments to the students in December. Checks are mailed to each recipient's home address and are made payable to the applicant.

OBLIGATIONS

Recipients have no obligation to WIT-NC. They are, however, required to supply WIT-NC with current, complete transcripts (official or unofficial) and to notify WIT-NC of any changes of address, school enrollment, or other relevant information that may occur during the application and selection process. Except as described in this brochure, no obligation is assumed by WIT-NC.

The winner of the scholarship will provide WIT-NC with his/her social security number for tax purposes.

REVISIONS

WIT-NC reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the scholarship program. Previously approved scholarships will not be affected by subsequent changes to the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program can be directed to WIT-NC e-mail address: endowment@wit-nc.com. Please indicate "Scholarship" in the subject line.