

NAD Women's Ministries Scholarship Program

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Women's Ministries Scholarship Program is established to give scholarships to women who are committed to serving the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church who would otherwise be unable to afford a Christian education. Scholarship awards are based on academic achievement, financial need, and community outreach. Specific amounts of scholarship awards vary from year to year and are dependent on the amount of funds available in your division. Scholarships may only be obtained through your home division. (Students from outside of the North American Division who are attending school in NAD can have your applications processed in NAD if you have a green card. If you have a student visa, you must apply in your home division.) The deadline for getting the completed application and references to the Women's Ministries director of the union where your chosen college is located is September 30.

Who Is Eligible?

Any woman enrolled in a Seventh-day Adventist college in the North American Division and, if from outside NAD, has a green card. Primary consideration will be given to those in their last two years of undergraduate study. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need, ability, and the recipient's determination to improve herself.

Applicants must hold a current GPA of at least 3.0.

How May I Apply?

Fill out the application and provide a transcript of your latest year in school and three recommendations written by your pastor, church leaders, and/or teachers. Applicants will be screened by a committee at the Women's Ministries office of your union, by the North American Division, and by the General Conference Women's Ministries Scholarship Committee. For instructions on where to send your application, see pages two and three of the application.

North American Division Scholarship Application

When May I Apply?

Apply only after school has started for the year in which you are applying.

Criteria:

- Students shall be required to study within their own division unless some special arrangement is made in order to complete a specific field of study.
- The General Conference Department of Women's Ministries shall put safeguards in place to protect the program from nepotism and favoritism.
- Each institution receiving scholarship moneys must agree that these scholarships are over and above other scholarships that are available to women in that institution.

After you have been accepted to school, mail your completed application (including transcripts and financial information sheet) to the women's ministries director of the union in which you will be attending school before September 30 (See pages 2 and 3 of the Scholarship Application for a list of union women's ministries directors).

Selection Process:

Students shall be considered on the basis of personal commitment to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, leadership skills, and academic achievement.

The overall ethnic balance in determining scholarship recipients shall be considered.

For more information, please contact the Women's Ministries Director for the union in which the college of your choice is located (See pages 2 and 3 of the Scholarship Application)

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION APPLICATION PACKET for the WOMEN'S MINISTRIES SCHOLARSHIP FUND



INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT:

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1. COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION:

- Answer each question completely.
- The completed application must be in English.
- Please type it, if possible.

2. FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET:

- Fill out the Financial Information Sheet in its entirety. Use the back of the form for additional information. The more you show your financial need, the better your chances of receiving a scholarship. Your application will not be accepted without the information sheet.

3. RECOMMENDATION FORMS:

- You must have three recommendations in English from individuals who are not related to you. They should be from someone representing your school, someone representing your church, or someone you have worked for.

Give each of your three references a Recommendation Form and ask them to send it to the union Women's Ministries director of the union where your college of choice is located (see next page). (Be sure to type the union director's name and address at the bottom of page two of each Recommendation Form.)

4. TRANSCRIPTS:

- You must obtain your official transcript from the most recent school you have attended to include with your application.
- Send the GPA (Grade Point Average) translated to American system (An A, B, or C grading system is acceptable.) Must be in English.

5. MAILING YOUR APPLICATION:

- After school has started, mail your completed application (including transcripts and Financial Information Sheet) to the union Women's Ministries director in the union in which you will be attending school (see list on next page) before September 30.

6. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED: Second Semester of the current school year.

UNION CONFERENCE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

For **Andrews University**, send application to:

Diane Thurber, Director
Women's Ministries
Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
P.O. Box 287 | Berrien Springs MI 49103
269-473-8247
269-473-8209 (fax)
womensministries@lakeunion.org

For **Atlantic Union College**, send application to:

Dr Lois King, Director
Women's Ministries
Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
400 Main Street
P O Box 1189
South Lancaster MA 01561
978-368-8333 Ext 3014
lking@atlanticunion.org

For **Canadian University College**, send application to:

Joan Rogers, Director
Ontario Conference
1110 King Street East
Ontario L1H 1H8
CANADA
905-571-1002 Ext 203
jrogers@adventistontario.org

For **Washington Adventist University or Kettering College of Medical Arts**, send application to:

Shirley Benton
812 Riva Ridge Blvd.
Gahanna, OH 43230-1804
614-775-9540
614-252-3246 (fax)
srbenton2@aol.com

For **La Sierra University**

Loma Linda University

Pacific Union College,

send application to:

Dorothy Means
4650 Sepulveda Blvd. #106
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
818-990-9786
805-495-2644 (Conf. fax)
dot.mns@sbcglobal.net

**For Oakwood University
Southern Adventist University
Florida Hospital College,**
send application to:
Laura Smith
106 Elm Drive
Montgomery, AL 36117
334-272-5417 (phone & fax)
benlausm@aol.com

For Southwestern Adventist University, send application to:
Carmen F. Griffith
400 Rock Meadow Tr.
Mansfield, TX 76063
817-721-8906
carmengriffith4748@yahoo.com

For Union College, send application to:
Nancy Buxton
5030 Eagle Ridge Road
Lincoln, NE 68516
402-328-0042 (phone & fax)
nancybee47@yahoo.com

For Walla Walla University, send application to:
Sue Patzer
5709 N. 20th St
Ridgefield, WA 98642
360-857-7031
360-857-7131 (fax)
sue.patzer@nw.npuc.org

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please type your answers if possible.) Send this completed application with your most recent transcript and the financial information sheet to the union Women's Ministries director before the deadline date (see cover page). If you need extra space to answer any question, write on a separate sheet of paper.

1. _____
Family Name First Name Middle Name Phone

2. Address _____
E-mail _____

3. Citizenship _____ 4a. Country of Residence _____

4b. If not citizen of US, Canada, or Bermuda, what kind of visa do you have? (check one)
____ green card ____ student visa ____ other (please specify)

5. Home Church (Church name, city, state, website address) _____

6. Conference _____ 7. Date of Baptism _____

8. Birth date _____ 9. Marital Status _____

10. Your major area of study _____

11. Name of Adventist School you are currently enrolled in _____

12. Are you a part-time ____ or full-time ____ student? No. Credit hrs enrolled this year: _____

13. Classification: ____ Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____ Graduate student

14. List your college education to date. Start with your **most recent** education, and list in order.

School and City	From (month/year) To (month/year)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

15. Why did you choose this area of study and how do you plan to use it to achieve your goals?

16. How many years of full-time school work do you need to graduate? _____

17. List your work experience. Start with your **most recent** job and list in order.

Type of work	Name/Address of Employer	From (mo/yr) To (mo/yr)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

18. Please share your conversion experience and tell why you feel it was an important or meaningful experience in your life.

19. What or who has influenced you most in your life? Why?

20. Have you received any special honors, recognition or awards? Please list:

21. List any programs or projects in which you have been involved; please tell how you participated or what leadership roles you had:

a) in your church

b) in school

c) in the community

22. List your special talents, interests, and hobbies (such as bilingual abilities, musical talents, public speaking, writing, etc.):

23. I, _____, agree to the following conditions for acceptance of a scholarship from the North American Division Women's Ministries Scholarship Fund to attend (school) _____ for the school year _____.

24. I, _____, give my permission to General Conference Women's Ministries to use my picture and my name in the "Scholarshipping Our Sisters" Newsletter or fundraising program.

Scholarship Agreement

1. I promise to uphold the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church through my speech and behavior, and to work for the soon coming of Christ.
2. I will maintain a grade-point average of at least 3.0.
3. I promise to seek opportunities to serve God and humanity in my church and school.
4. I will provide a written report of my school progress and church related activities to the North American Division Women's Ministries Director.
5. I understand that this scholarship will not cover all my tuition needs. It is not a loan.
6. I understand that there is no guarantee of church employment upon completion of my education.

Signed _____ Date _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET North American Division Women's Ministries

Note: This form must be filled out completely.

1. Name: _____

2. List annual income: **Personal income:** **Family income:**

___ Less than \$20,000	___ Less than \$20,000
___ \$20,000-35,000	___ \$20,000-35,000
___ \$35,000-50,000	___ \$35,000-50,000
___ \$50,000-65,000	___ \$50,000-65,000
	___ Over \$65,000

3. List amount of financial help received from family and/or sponsors (not counting grants or scholarships):

4. If married, is your husband employed full-time? ___ Yes ___ No

5. How many dependents do **you** have besides yourself? ___ Relationship to you _____

6. If single, list number of siblings currently enrolled in SDA /private school K-16: _____

7. Average number of **your** work hours per week in the last six months: _____

8. Number of hours you will be working **weekly** during the school year: _____

9. If not working, why not? _____

10. Did you receive financial aid from the **employer** of your parent/guardian/husband?
___ Yes ___ No If Yes, how much? _____

11. **FINANCIAL AID:** List *ALL* financial aid received for your college or graduate studies:

<u>Gifts/Grants and Scholarships</u>		<u>Student Loans</u>	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

12. What is the total balance of all student loans you have received during your college or graduate studies? _____

13. How does this break down in current monthly payments?
\$_____ per month until _____ **OR** No payment until graduation _____

14. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Please use the other side of this page for additional comments about your financial need as it pertains to this scholarship. Your application will not be considered without it.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
WOMEN'S MINISTRIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION FORM

Must be filled out in English
(First three lines to be filled out by applicant)

Name of Applicant _____

Name of Union Women's Ministries
Director _____

Address where application should be sent _____

Please give your opinion about the person who is applying for a scholarship. Please look at her individual talents and give specific examples where possible. We would like to know:

1. How long have you known this person, and in what capacity?

2. How well does she apply herself to her work and/or studies?

3. What contribution has she made in school, work and/or church?

4. How well does she work with others?

5. What are her strengths, assets, and skills? Please comment on her potential leadership abilities.

6. What concerns (if any) do you have regarding her ability to succeed?

7. What would be your overall evaluation of her that causes her to stand out in your mind?

Your Name: (Please Print): _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____

HomePhone: _____

Job Title: _____

Employer: _____

Employer's Address: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

This recommendation form should be sent directly to the Union Women's Ministries Director at the address given above. DO NOT send it back to the applicant.

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