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Central Florida Chapter Women In Defense 2019 Scholarship Program

Central Florida WID Scholarship Program

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The Central Florida Women in Defense Chapter will award four (4) scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each to selected recipients.

Applications **MUST** be completed in full and sent electronically or through the mail. All documents must be received by 11:59 p.m. (EST) on Monday, April 1, 2019. The chapter will award to selected applicants who will attend or are attending an accredited university or college. Applicants must be a resident of one of the following central Florida counties: Brevard, Lake, Osceola, Orange, and Seminole.

Scholarship Checklist:

✓ **Email** the completed application package to Awards and Recognition Director. Package must include the following:

- Final essay document including all three (3) essay sections described in Section II of the application.
- An unofficial transcript
- Two (2) letters of reference
- Supporting documents (resume, college acceptance letter, etc.)
- Signed Plagiarism Policy section
- Signed application

Email Address: widcfl@gmail.com and list "Awards and Recognition" in the Subject line of the email.



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I. ABOUT YOU. For this section, please **print legibly or type.**

First, Middle and Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Condo/Unit#: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Best Number to Reach You: _____

E-Mail: _____

Are you: _____ U.S. Citizen _____ U.S. National _____ U.S. Permanent Resident

(Please provide proof, copy of birth certificate or first page of passport)

Name of current University/College/School: _____

Overall GPA: _____ Major GPA (if applicable): _____

Current/Expected Major: _____

I will be attending (University/College/School) in the Fall of 2019: _____

1. EMPLOYMENT (or Volunteer positions). List last three employers. Do NOT submit a resume in lieu of the following list. Include the name of the employer, your position/internship, and the dates of your employment.

Employer	Job/Position	Dates
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2. AWARDS & HONORS.

3. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (from the last 12 months).

II. ESSAY—DEMONSTRATION OF INTEREST IN A CAREER IN NATIONAL SECURITY OR DEFENSE

Essay Requirements:

In one cohesive essay, describe your interest in a career in national security or defense by addressing the three subtopics outlined below (Statement of interest; Statement of prior accomplishments; and Proposed program/course emphasis).

- Length of the essay must be between 500 - 1000 words.
- Responses must be typed and double spaced.
- Include your full name on each page of the essay.
- The essay must be attached to the application.

Essay Sections:

- Statement of interest: Describe your interest in pursuing a career in a field related to national security, defense, or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Please include a description of your long-term goals as they relate to that career.
- Statement of prior accomplishments: Describe what you believe to have been the principal accomplishments in your life that relate to your professional goals, including academic, professional, or community activities.
- Proposed program/course emphasis: Describe the objectives of your educational program and list your course of study for the requested semester, relating them to your national security, defense, or STEM career plans.



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III. DEMONSTRATION OF FINANCIAL NEED: (Brief statement of financial need.)

IV. DEMONSTRATION OF ACADEMIC ABILITY

Provide a recent unofficial academic transcript reflecting grades, current degree program, courses, and/or GPA.

V. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Provide two letters of recommendation from individuals who are familiar with your accomplishments and/or career goals. At least one must be from a faculty member at your current college/university/school. List below the names of the two individuals you have asked to submit recommendations of your work or accomplishments.

1) Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____



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2) Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

VI. SUBMISSION. *I hereby certify that all of the information contained in my application and supporting materials is accurate.*

Signature _____

Date _____



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Plagiarism Policy Acknowledgement and Agreement

“What is Plagiarism?”

The word Plagiarism came from the word *kidnap*. Think about it: If you copy and paste you are kidnapping the work of someone else. Plagiarism can be overt or covert—intentional or unintentional.

Think about the following:

Are you:

- kidnapping (copying) someone else’s work and claiming it as your own?
- Intentionally copying and pasting to save time?
- Using someone’s word without crediting them?
- Using an idea which came from some other source?

“In other words, plagiarism is an act of fraud. It involves both stealing someone else's work and lying about it afterward.” [Plagiarism.org]

In today’s copy-paste world, it is easy to “lift” text and forget to quote it. Use tools such as NoodleTools or EasyBib [or Grammarly] to help you track your sources.

What does plagiarism look like?

- Using text and forgetting to cite it
- Using another person’s idea without asking or crediting it to them
- Buying a research paper
- Stealing a paper
- Letting someone write part of your paper...on your machine...for your assignment
- Getting too much help – even from your parents or friends



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Is it only for writing? No.

- You could create a song based upon a piece of music you barely changed and claim it was your own
- You could copy, borrow, or replicate some intellectual idea
- You could even copy a piece of artwork without crediting the original artist

Why should I care?

- Would you want someone to take a song you wrote and place their name on it and make a recording saying it was [their own recording]?
- Would you want to write a book and have someone else take it and market it as if it were their work?
- Would you want to hire a person who claims they had great grades and find out that they couldn't write to save their life?
- Would you want to be a newspaper publisher who found out your reporters were "stealing" stories from European newspapers?
- Would you want to be humiliated later in life when people find out about plagiarized reports, books, and other works that you [didn't] write earlier?
- Would you want people stealing your 'work' and avoiding paying you 12.5 billion dollars for illegal downloading?
- You sound smarter, if you don't cheat
- You will get smarter, if you try harder
- You will better prepare yourself for future work
- You will find it gets easier to write the more you do it
- Good writers are hard to find and it will be a valuable skill

Why citing sources is a good idea:

- Citing strengthens your writing.
- Citing reveals that you have researched your idea and synthesized all the information into your own body of work.
- Citing shows that you have reached beyond your own world and "listened to the ideas of others.



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- Citing someone else, shows that other important people support your own thoughts.
- By quoting oppositional thoughts, you demonstrate that you have thought about both sides of an issue
- Citing makes you sound intelligent and will probably improve your grade

Avoiding Plagiarism:

- The best way to avoid plagiarism is to develop good research habits.
- Write down the citation details of all sources you consult.
- Keep notes (paraphrased or quoted) and their citation details together.
- Learn proper paraphrasing – it isn't just changing a few words.
- In your notes, clearly differentiate among quotes, paraphrasing, summaries, common knowledge and personal opinion.
- Learn how to correctly cite different works " (pleasedontcheat.com, 2019)

I understand if any portion of my application or essays is found to be plagiarized that it will be disqualified.

Applicant Name (Printed) _____

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____



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References

pleasedontcheat.com. (2019, March 5). *Sample Plagiarism Policy*. Retrieved from Pleasedontcheat.com:
<http://pleasedontcheat.com/images/pdf/PlagiarismPolicypdf.pdf>