



# **IWM Scholarship Guidelines**

The application deadline every year is APRIL 15.

The India Nicole Welch Ministries Academic Scholarship Program established 2016 is a Memoriam and Personal Tribute Scholarship Program.

#### Basic Scholarship Requirements:

- Applicants must demonstrate leadership through academic achievements and/or school/ community service activities
- Applicants must be a resident of Pinellas County
- Applicants must be a Senior in High School
- Applicants must have an overall grade point average of 2.5 or higher
- Recipients must be accepted or enrolled in a four year college/university program or enrolled in a trade program.
- Applicants must be Business/Entrepreneur, or Performing Arts related major
- Applicants must be of African American or Minority Ethnicity and/or must significantly participate in and promote organizations and activities in the community

#### Scholarship Award Amount:

• \$250 to \$500 scholarship.

Scholarships are based on a 500-word essay, academic achievement, school involvement/extra-curricular activities, community service and on a financial need basis.

#### Application Must Include:

- Completed Application
- A 500-word essay based on one of the predetermined topic listed on the essay questionnaire
- Current resume
- One peer letter of recommendation from a friend, classmate, teammate, or fellow member of a campus or community organization.
- One professional letter of recommendation from a teacher, mentor, advisor, counselor, principal, program director or community leader.
- Official sealed high school transcript.
- Personal/Professional photo headshot (used for publication purposes only)

#### Application Submission Process:

- Complete the online IWM Scholarship Application Form and upload your essay, resume, and letters of recommendation and photo.
- Documents must be uploaded by 11:59 PM PST on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Paper copies will no longer be accepted.
- Upon submission, a confirmation page will be automatically displayed verifying receipt of your application. If you did not receive this confirmation page, then you did not successfully submit your application. This confirmation page is your only record of submittal.

#### Selection Process:

- An email will be sent informing you that your application has been received and in the review process. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Applicants **WILL NOT** have the opportunity to submit materials that are missing.
- Students selected as scholarship recipients will be notified by email before or on May 15th.
- Students not selected as scholarship recipients may be notified by regular mail by June 1st.

#### Contact Information:

If you have any questions or concerns, please send an email to indiawelchmin@gmail.com.





# **IWM Scholarship Application**

## Applicant's Information:

Name:		
Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Phone:		
Parent/Guardian Information:		
Parent/Guardian Name:		
Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Home Phone:	Mobile Phone:	
Applicant's Educational Information:		
High School:	Cummulative GPA:	
Graduation Date:		
Name of College/University you will be attending:		
Volunteer/Community Service Activities:		
Organization Name:		
Please list your Roles and Responsibilities below: 1)		
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2)		
3)		
I certify that all the information given on this application is correct to the grounds for immediate withdrawal of all consideration for the IWM Se	e best of my knowledge. I understand false information will be considere cholarship.	
Applicant's Signature	Date	

IWM Scholarship Committee Use Only		
Scholarship Awarded	Not Awarded	
Committee Chair's Signature:		Date:

### Essay Questionnaire: (please select on of the topics below)

- 1. Leadership: Describe an important leadership experience or important initiative you have been involved with to help strengthen the unity in your community. What were your successes and failures, and how did they affect your development as a young leaders?
- 2. Creative Talent: Describe how you have used your talents: music, visual arts, dance, poetry or other special skills to demonstrate your ability to be a leader in your community.