

# YOUNG WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

— *of Austin* —

**Young Leaders Scholarship 2018-2019  
Application**

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*Awarded by the*

**YOUNG WOMEN'S ALLIANCE FOUNDATION**



## **ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION:**

Founded in 1993, the Young Women's Alliance (YWA) is an organization of women that empowers its members to develop personally and professionally through educational programs and opportunities to lead, network, and serve.

The Young Women's Alliance Foundation (YWAF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created by YWA in 1997. The Foundation empowers tomorrow's female leaders by awarding educational scholarships to girls and women and providing grants to the organizations that serve them, ultimately inspiring all women to give back to their community.

## **PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP:**

Each year, the Foundation awards the Young Leaders Scholarship to women who show commitment to community service and leadership by dedicating their personal time. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide tuition assistance to these women while they serve their community. Community service can mean an event, campaign, dedication of service, or other initiative taken by the recipient. We aim to have our scholarship recipients make a significant impact on the community. This year's award amount is \$5,000 per recipient. YWAF looks to support women who demonstrate exceptional leadership, academic achievement, and strong commitment to their community.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Scholarship recipients are chosen based on four criteria:

- Demonstrated leadership (35%)
- Commitment to community service (30%)
- Academic achievement (20%)
- Financial need (15%)

Scholarships must be used for tuition assistance and will be paid directly to the recipient's university in either the fall of 2018 or spring of 2019. Recipients will select the semester in which the scholarship money will be used.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

To be eligible for a YWAF Young Leaders scholarship, the applicant must:

- Be a female;
- Attending a high school within Central Texas (Travis, Caldwell, Hays, Bastrop, and Williamson counties)
- Show a strong commitment to leadership and community service;
- Not be a prior recipient of a YWAF scholarship.

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Please submit the following through the Google Form application, link found [here](#):

- Completed form
- 2 Recommendation letters
- Unofficial transcripts (for each institution attended)
- Resume
- Personal essay

***\*\*Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.***



## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS:**

A panel of judges will review all complete applications submitted by **March 15, 2018**. Applications must be submitted online via our [website](#) and be received by March 15, 2018 at **11:59 p.m. CST**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Competitive applicants will be selected for interviews with members of Young Women's Alliance. 2018 interviews will be held in April. Scholarship recipients will be announced in early May. Though every effort will be made to adhere to this schedule, dates are subject to change. Applicants and/or recipients will be notified of any date changes in sufficient time.

## **IF SELECTED:**

- Recipients will be invited to attend the YWAF celebration event in the spring.
- YWA and YWAF reserve the right to use photographs and/or statements of scholarship recipients in promotional materials.

## **QUESTIONS?**

Visit our [YWA Website!](#)

You can also contact the Young Leaders Scholarship chair and the VP of Giving at [scholarships@youngwomensalliance.org](mailto:scholarships@youngwomensalliance.org)

## **RESOURCES**

- College costs in Texas are listed at [www.collegeforalltexas.com](http://www.collegeforalltexas.com). Click on "Get the Facts" and "College Costs".
- Information about the importance of scholarships and resources for completing a scholarship or admissions essay are available at [www.ownyourownfuture.com](http://www.ownyourownfuture.com).
- You should file your 2018-2019 FAFSA as early as possible in 2018 at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will be included in your Student Aid Report (SAR). If you have not yet filed your FAFSA or have not yet received your SAR, complete the FAFSA4Caster at [www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov) and use the information generated in that report to complete the application.



## DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

These documents will be attached to the form found [here](#).

- 2 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:**  
Two letters of recommendation from two individuals. Letters may not come from relatives.
- UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS:**  
Attach unofficial transcripts for each previous high school you have attended.
- RÉSUMÉ:**  
Attach a one-page résumé highlighting your extracurricular and leadership involvement – as well as your volunteer work (including positions held and number of hours spent).
- PERSONAL ESSAY:**  
In 600 words or less, please include:
  - A personal statement about why you should be chosen to receive this scholarship. Information might include your motivation to get the degree you are pursuing, life experiences that have changed you, or anything else you believe the reviewing committee should know about you.
  - Your community service experience including the organization(s) you've worked with for your community service hours over the last two (2) years, why you choose those particular organization(s), and your passion and motivation for your community service. *Note: Community service must be done as a volunteer or unpaid internship during the past two (2) years.*

Your essay should be in 12-point font, Arial or Times New Roman, and double spaced.