

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



**** Application Deadline: March 14, 2025 ****

Dear Applicant:

The Women's Business Alliance (WBA) of Houma is pleased to announce its **Academic Scholarship Program**. Since its founding in 2004, the mission of the Women's Business Alliance has been to improve the quality of life for women by empowering them in their professional endeavors and personal relationships. In doing so, it is the goal of the WBA to enrich its members through networking, education, community involvement, and mentoring future generations. In keeping with the mission, the WBA of Houma will award scholarships of \$1,000.00 each. These scholarships will be awarded with the purpose of assisting our future women business leaders in pursuing their educational goals.

The Scholarship Committee will evaluate the applicants based on the following criteria: academic achievement, community service, a personal statement, and two letters of recommendation.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicant must be a female graduating from high school in Terrebonne or Lafourche Parish.
2. Applicant must be entering a Louisiana college in the year of graduation.
3. Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.

Documentation Required - The Following Must Be Submitted In One Packet:

1. Signed Application – **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**
2. A Personal Statement – 250 to 500 words detailing why the applicant should be this year's scholarship recipient. The statement should include any relevant information, such as, but not limited to, academic achievements, commitment to the community, educational and career goals. Grammar and punctuation will be taken into consideration, so proofreading should be done before submitting the final statement. **PLEASE SUBMIT PERSONAL STATEMENT ALONG WITH APPLICATION PACKET. ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED WITHOUT A PERSONAL STATEMENT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**
3. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation – A scholastic recommendation letter from a staff/faculty member and a community service letter of recommendation from a community service representative or coordinator (both letters must be on official letterhead **and must be typewritten and signed across the seal of the envelope**).
4. An Official High School Transcript.

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Women's Business Alliance of Houma

6133 LA-311

Houma, La 70360

Please Note: All materials submitted by applicants become the property of the Women's Business Alliance and will not be returned.

For more information, please visit our website at www.bayouregionwba.org. For questions, please email us at wbahouma@gmail.com.

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Scholarship Application Form

Please type or print clearly.

Name: _____
First Middle Initial Last

Address: _____
Number and Street City, State Zip Code

_____ () _____
E-Mail Address Phone Number

Name of High School: _____ **Cumulative GPA:** _____

ACT Score: _____ **Number of Times ACT Test Taken:** _____

College Attending in Fall: _____

Other Scholarships Received / Anticipated: _____

School Activities (Please provide contact names, phone numbers and/or email address): _____

Community Service Activities (Please provide contact names, phone numbers and/or email address): _____

Honors / Awards Received (Please provide contact names, phone numbers and/or email address): _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

SCHOLARSHIP PACKET CHECKLIST

Please review your application packet to ensure that you have included the following:

1. _____ *Signed Application*

2. _____ *Personal Statement*

3. _____ *Letter of Recommendation from a community service representative (on official letterhead) returned in a sealed envelope, with signature across the envelope's seal, addressed to WBA*

4. _____ *Letter of Recommendation from a staff/faculty member (on official letterhead) in a sealed envelope, with signature across the envelope's seal, addressed to WBA*

5. _____ *Official High School Transcript (Minimum GPA of 3.0)*

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Award will be presented at the May 15th WBA Luncheon.

Honoree and one guest are invited to attend; lunch will be provided.