

**DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF SHELBY COUNTY**  
**MYRA C. STILES SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM**

**Purpose**

This scholarship is to be used for study at an accredited institution that has granted admission to the student applicant. The student applicant must be a high school senior residing in Shelby County, TN.

**Rules**

Student applicants must:

- be a high school senior
- have a GPA of at least 2.8
- must have ACT score of at least 21
- complete the DWSC scholarship application
- must not be a member of or related to member(s) of DWSC Executive Committee\*
- must be registered voters if age appropriate
- must submit a letter of recommendation from a community member (i.e. minister, organization officer, employer, etc.) that can attest to applicant's commitment to civic responsibilities (i.e. volunteer and extracurricular activities)
- must submit a letter of recommendation from high school administration or guidance counselor that can attest to the applicant's good standing in school (i.e. volunteer and extracurricular activities)
- evidence of provisional acceptance to a post high school accredited institution ( i.e. college, university or technical school)

**Procedure**

Once the student applicant has met the conditions of the rules, the applicant must submit a 500-700 word essay on *"The Importance of Exercising the Right to Vote in America"*. The submitted essay must include a cover (title) page, should be double spaced and typed. Subsequent pages should be numbered and include a running title. Application attached and can be downloaded from **DWSC Website: [dwosc.org](http://dwosc.org)**.

**Process**

DWSC will establish a scholarship selection committee of at least three to review and validate all submissions. Once an award winning submission has been determined, the selection committee will conduct an interview with the applicant to ensure he/she is the true author of the submission. Along with the essay, the selection committee will use a checklist to make certain all required documents were submitted with the essay. The selection committee will announce the winning submission to the DWSC President. The DWSC President will direct all other announcements and activities related to the winning submission.

**Deadline**

Applicants must submit all documents to the DWSC via mail at Democratic Women P.O. Box 772311, Memphis, TN 38177 or email [dwsc.901@gmail.com](mailto:dwsc.901@gmail.com) by end of business March 31st.

**Announcement/ Notifications**

The winning applicant will be announced and notified in writing by April 15th.

\*A DWSC relative would be biological or adoptive parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts and uncles. Foster parents are not considered relatives.

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Student's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Student's Parents/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's/ Guardian's Phone: (home)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(cell)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's County of Residence:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of School Guidance Counselor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Academic Scores: GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ACT SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SAT SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student is a Registered Voter: Yes** \_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_ **N/A** \_\_\_\_

**Are you a member of Democratic Women of Shelby County?:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you related to a member of Democratic Women of Shelby County Executive**

Committee? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes what \_\_\_\_\_

List extracurricular activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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What college(s) have you applied for? \_\_\_\_\_

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What school(s)/ program(s) have accepted you? \_\_\_\_\_

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Where will you attend school? \_\_\_\_\_

When will you start school? \_\_\_\_\_

What will be your major? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information you'd like to share?

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**Student's Signature**

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**Date**