The Michigan Council of Women in Technology (MCWT) Foundation is offering a total of three (3) one-time stipends of a laptop computer, printer, and required software to women who are currently or will be enrolled in college-level courses for the 2008/2009 academic year. The application deadline is February 27th, 2008 to be considered for the 2008 fall semester.

MCWT, and its Foundation, provide leadership, mentoring, community outreach, professional development and networking to women within the Michigan technology community. This stipend is intended to encourage and support women with the interest, the aptitude, and the potential for a successful career in information technology.

**ELIGIBILITY**
An applicant must be a female high-school student (entering college), undergraduate or graduate level student who is:
- a resident of the State of Michigan
- a United States Citizen
- a student with a minimum of a 2.8 GPA

Each applicant must be enrolled during the entire grant period in a full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate degree program in:
- Information Systems
- Business Applications
- Computer Science
- Computer Engineering
- Software Engineering
- Information Security

as prescribed by the college, university, junior college or other eligible educational institution.

**NOTE:** Programs in which technology is a secondary element are NOT eligible for this stipend, such as Computer Aided Design, Medical Technology, Construction Engineering, etc.
If your degree program is not specified above, please verify eligibility by e-mailing info@mcwt.org.

The MCWT Foundation does not consider any non-merit factors such as race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, or mental/physical disability in awarding this stipend.

**APPLYING FOR A STIPEND**
Applicants can obtain a stipend application and instructions from the MCWT (www.mcwt.org) or MCWT Foundation (www.mcwtf.org) websites. The application form begins after the instructions below.
You can fill this application out online and <Tab> to advance to each field. If you prefer to fill the application in by hand or on a typewriter, you can print the blank form and then complete it.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING THE MCWT FOUNDATION STIPEND APPLICATION

These instructions pertain to completing and submitting the MCWT Foundation Stipend Application, and are furnished to ensure that:
• you, as an applicant, understand the requirements of the stipend program, and
• your application is correctly completed and submitted.

Complete application information is available on the MCWT (www.mcwt.org) or MCWT Foundation (www.mcwtf.org) web sites

The following is a check-list of required documents:

1. Stipend application, completed and signed.
2. A copy of your most recent transcript.
3. A letter of recommendation from a current or former college instructor, teacher, principal, pastor, coach or other community leader.
4. Additional information or documentation about work experience (e.g. internships), awards, or other pertinent activities you wish the committee to consider.

Only one laptop application per student will be accepted. The application must be fully and correctly completed to be considered for the stipend award; it shall not be the responsibility of the Committee to assist the applicant in submitting a completed application.

Completed applications must be received by a member of the Committee either in person, by fax or e-mail, or at the specified address by **February 27, 2008** to be eligible for the Fall 2008 stipend.

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!**
• Please retain a full copy of your completed application.
• **Please do NOT bind your application** as it will be photocopied for review.

Submit **one copy only** of all required documents to:

| Michigan Council of Women in Technology  | OR                                      | OR                                      |
| Attn: Scholarship Committee            | Fax to 248.281.5391                     | E-mail to info@mcwt.org                |
| 19011 Norwich Road                     |                                         |                                         |
| Livonia, Michigan 48152                |                                         |                                         |

You may consider sending your application by a delivery service that offers proof of delivery or proof of mailing, so that you can have evidence that it was sent prior to the deadline.
Applicants awarded laptops will be notified in writing or via telephone, and are strongly encouraged to attend the award ceremony.

EVALUATION
The evaluation takes into consideration but is not limited to the following factors:

- GPA
- technology-related activities
- community service
- personal essay
- letters of recommendation
- completeness of application

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Finalists may be invited for a personal interview as part of the selection process.

STIPEND AWARDS
Applicants awarded stipends will be notified in writing or via telephone. Stipend recipients are invited with up to 2 guests to the MCWT award ceremony in May 2008. Stipend winners must also be willing to have their names, short biographies and other information distributed by the MCWT Foundation, and mentioned on the Foundation’s Website.

MCWT will provide a new laptop, printer and operating system software. Specific configurations vary based on availability. If the recipient’s college or university mandates a specific brand of computer or hardware configuration, MCWT will provide up to $2,000 toward that computer requirement in lieu of the MCWT laptop package. Funds will be disbursed directly to the Financial Aid office of the college where the recipient is enrolled.

Recipients will also receive a one-year MCWT membership and are encouraged to support and participate in MCWT-sponsored events such as the Spring Symposium and the Annual Technology Summer Camp for girls.
MCWT 2008 – 2009 LAPTOP STIPEND APPLICATION

Scroll up to see instructions and stipend details.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name ____________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________
City ___________________ State _________ Zip _______
Date of Birth ____________ Age ____________ Sex ________
Telephone __________________________
Email address ______________________________________

II. EDUCATION INFORMATION

High School (required only for students under 25)
School name ____________________________ Year graduated _____
Address ____________________________ GPA ____________
City ___________________ State _________ Zip _______
College attending in 2008/09 ____________________________
Address ____________________________________________
City ___________________ State _________ Zip _______
Specific area of study (major) ____________________________
Estimated number of credit hours you plan to carry per semester/quarter _________
Expected year of graduation ____________ Current GPA _________
III. PERSONAL ESSAY

Write an essay of 200-400 words which answers (at a minimum) the following questions:

- Why are you pursuing a career in information technology?
- In which accomplishments do you take most pride?
- How, specifically, will having a laptop help you achieve your educational or career goals?
- Why should YOU, uniquely, be selected for this stipend?

Include any other information you feel supports your application. You may attach an additional sheet of paper if needed.
IV. **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

A. List and describe your involvement in any technology-related activities such as computer/math/science club, personal web site, event participation, awards, seminars, memberships, recognition letters, etc. Attach an additional sheet of paper if needed.

B. List and describe your involvement in any other extra curricular activities such as athletics, social clubs, debate, girl scouts, etc. Attach an additional sheet of paper if needed.

V. **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

List and describe your participation in any Community Service activities (volunteering). Attach an additional sheet of paper if needed.
VI. **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Provide at least 2 letters of recommendation from current or former teachers, college instructors, principals, pastors, coaches or other community leaders. Each letter must include at a minimum:

- Applicant’s name
- How the writer knows the applicant, and for what period of time
- Evaluation of applicant's technical aptitude
- Applicant's personal strengths and accomplishments
- Other information or factors pertinent to the applicant's potential for success
- Writer's name and title/position

Print this page and give these guidelines to each person you are asking to write a letter of recommendation.

VII. **CERTIFICATION**

Stipend recipients agree to the MCWT Foundation’s rights to publicize their award, and agree to participate in follow-up studies designed to monitor the effectiveness of the stipend program.

Each of the undersigned certifies that the above information is correct. Applicant and applicant's parents will promptly notify the MCWT stipend committee of any address change, or change in college/school designated herein, or other change in educational plans which would impact any stipend grant awarded.

______________________________  __________________________
Signature of Applicant  Date

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Parent or Guardian  Date
(Required if Applicant is less than 18 years old)

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Name of Parent/Guardian (type or print clearly)