COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAM
FOR 2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR

$5,000 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AND
$3,000 RESEARCH GRANT

The Michigan Council of Women in Technology (MCWT) Foundation is offering one high school senior, one undergraduate-level and one graduate-level college/university scholarship for women who are currently or will be enrolled in college/university-level courses for the 2008/2009 academic year. In addition, we are offering one graduate or undergraduate level research grant of $3000, which can be applied to research materials, lab requirements, travel and presentation needs, etc.

- The high school senior scholarship is worth $5,000 annually, and is renewable for up to three additional years, for a total possible value of $20,000.
- The undergraduate scholarship is worth $5,000 annually, and is renewable for up to two additional years, for a total possible value of $15,000.
- The graduate level scholarship is worth $5,000 annually, and is renewable for up to two additional for a total possible value of $15,000.
- The research grant is a one time disbursement of $3,000. The research grant is designed to support a summer work/study project with a faculty advisor, travel and publication expenses, to present a paper at a conference, or software/hardware/ lab equipment purchases in support of a thesis project.

See eligibility requirements below.
The application deadline is February 27, 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 scholarship 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 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 scholarship, 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 scholarship.
The scholarship award amount is limited to $2500 per semester. The scholarship recipient must maintain an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 and continue studies in a qualified major to remain eligible for each subsequent semester of the grant payment. The research grant is a one time award of $3,000.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP
Applicants can obtain a scholarship application from the MCWT (www.mcwt.org) and 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 SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION
These instructions pertain to completing and submitting the MCWT Foundation Scholarship Application, and are furnished to ensure that:
• you, as an applicant, understand the requirements of the scholarship program, and
• your application is correctly completed and submitted.

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

The following is a check-list of required documents:
1. Scholarship application, completed and signed.
2. A copy of your most recent transcript.
3. Two letters of recommendation from current or former college instructors, teachers, principals, pastors, coaches or other community leaders.
4. Additional information or documentation about work experience (e.g. internships), awards, or other pertinent activities you wish the committee to consider.
5. FOR RESEARCH GRANT APPLICANTS ONLY:
The research grant is designed to support a summer work/study project with a faculty advisor, travel and publication expenses to present a paper at a conference, or software/hardware/ lab equipment purchases in support of a thesis project. The grant funds actual expenses up to $3000. In addition to the scholarship application, grant applicants should submit a description of the project,
itemized list of expenses, and a statement of the benefits to be realized if the award is granted (in other words, why should we pick YOU!). Please include the name, address and phone number of your faculty advisor for this project.

Only one scholarship application per student will be accepted. The application must be fully and correctly completed to be considered for the scholarship or grant 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 scholarship.

**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:

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<td>Attn: Scholarship Committee</td>
<td>Fax to</td>
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<td>19011 Norwich Road</td>
<td>248.281.5391</td>
<td><a href="mailto:info@mcwt.org">info@mcwt.org</a></td>
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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 scholarships will be notified in writing or via telephone, and are strongly encouraged to attend the award ceremony. Scholarship 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.

**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

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

Finalists may be invited for a personal interview as part of the selection process.
SCHOLARSHIP and GRANT AWARDS
Applicants awarded scholarships or grants will be notified in writing or via telephone. Recipients are invited with up to 2 guests to the MCWT award ceremony in May, 2008.

Scholarship funds ($2,500 per semester) will be sent directly to the Financial Aid office at the college where the recipient is enrolled. The scholarship recipient must maintain an overall GPA of 2.8 and continue studies in a qualified major to remain eligible for each grant payment. At the end of each semester, the recipient must submit a copy of her transcript to the MCWT Scholarship committee before the funds for the next semester will be provided.

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.

Unused funds may be applied toward the next semester's costs until the end of the fourth year or graduation, at which point remaining funds must be returned to the MCWT Foundation. If the recipient changes to an ineligible field of study, graduates, or ceases enrollment altogether, any unused funds must be returned to the MCWT Foundation.

If a recipient's GPA drops below 2.8, she will be placed on a one-time probation for 1 semester and no scholarship funds will be provided for that semester. If she achieves the minimum GPA of 2.8 during the probationary semester and continues in a qualified major, the scholarship payments will resume. However if the GPA falls below 2.8 for any two semesters, the scholarship will be terminated completely.
MCWT 2008 – 2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scroll up to see instructions and scholarship details.

I am applying for the □ high school senior scholarship □ undergraduate scholarship □ graduate scholarship □ research grant

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?
- Why should YOU, uniquely, be selected for this scholarship over other candidates?
- What constitutes success for you in this program and/or your future career and life mission?

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 website, 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.

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VI. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Provide 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. RESEARCH GRANT APPLICANTS ONLY

Please submit a description of the project, itemized list of expenses, and a statement of the benefits to be realized if the award is granted. Include the name, address and phone number of your faculty advisor for this project.

VIII. CERTIFICATION
Scholarship 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 scholarship program.

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

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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)