

# **LWV Wichita-Metro 2021 Scholarship Criteria and Rules of Application**

1. Eligible applicants for the Academic Year 2021/2022 Scholarships include students of all gender identity and expression residing in Wichita and surrounding counties or direct lineal descendants of current LWV Wichita-Metro members who are enrolled, or intending to enroll, in post-secondary education in Kansas. Two scholarships will be awarded, one for \$1000 and one for \$500.
2. Selection of the scholarship winners is made by the League of Women Voters Wichita-Metro Scholarship Selection Committee on the basis of information received on the official application form. Scholarships are 100% merit based.
3. Applicants must provide a school transcript and a sealed or direct emailed letter of recommendation from a non-family member (e.g., teacher, pastor, employer, etc.).
4. Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Selection Committee, whose decision is final. The Scholarship Selection Committee will include not fewer than five LWV Wichita-Metro member volunteers. The recipient cannot be related to a member of the Scholarship Selection Committee.
5. The Scholarship Selection Committee will make every effort to maintain anonymity and ensure objectivity of the selection process through use of a numbering system for applications. All information submitted to the committee will be kept confidential by members of the committee.
6. The scholarships will be presented to the recipients at the LWW Wichita-Metro Annual Meeting, or on another mutually agreed date.
7. Please direct all completed applications and questions concerning eligibility, qualifications, and requirements to Scholarship Selection Committee Chairperson, Paul Babich or [lww.ict.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:lww.ict.scholarship@gmail.com)
8. Applications must be completed and signed by the applicant. The completed application, essay, transcripts, and letter of recommendation must be postmarked in hard copy or email format by the chairperson no later than 11:59pm on February 15, 2021.

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Check One:  High School Senior  
 Post Secondary Education Student

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_

Local Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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School at which you are currently enrolled \_\_\_\_\_

School you anticipate attending in Fall 2021 \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Statement:**

I understand that if I am selected to receive a League of Women Voters Wichita-Metro Scholarship, I will provide proof of enrollment in an institute of higher learning and that these funds will be used in the pursuit of such education. Further, I agree to allow the LWV to publish my image and pertinent information if I am awarded a scholarship or membership.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

LWV Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

## **1. PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Please provide responses to the following in a resume format, maximum of one page.

- A. List any leadership/awards/honors or other recognition you have received (for example, National Honor Society, Dean's List, Student Government, etc.).
- B. List community service and work experience.
- C. List all extracurricular activities (clubs, hobbies, sports) to which you have belonged or held office. Particularly those related to the League's Principles as stated on the website: [lwwichita.org/about-us/about-lwv-wichita-metro/](http://lwwichita.org/about-us/about-lwv-wichita-metro/)
- D. Please feel free to provide any details you feel should be considered. For example: you are a veteran, a single parent, a first-generation student or citizen, any particular challenge you have overcome, etc.

## **2. ESSAY: CHOOSE ONE**

Your essay will be weighed heavily, based on the quality of your writing and adherence to the topic. The essay should be no more than 750 **words**.

- A. When a couple of your friends turned 18 you asked them if they had registered to vote yet. You were surprised when they told you that they were not going to register or to vote "because one vote doesn't matter." They said that over 150 million people voted in the 2020 presidential election and "what is one vote out of 150 million?" What would you say to try to convince your friends of the importance of registering and voting?
- B. The information gained from the 2020 census will be used to redraw the boundaries of congressional and legislative districts in the states. In Kansas, as in most of the states, the state legislature will draw the new boundaries. The League of Women Voters' position is that Nonpartisan Redistricting Commissions rather than state legislatures would be preferable for drawing the new maps. Who should do the redrawing? Why would you support the League's position or why would you support the current Kansas system of having the state legislature redraw the boundaries?

Send the completed application, essay, transcripts, and letter of recommendation to the address below or email to [lww.ict.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:lww.ict.scholarship@gmail.com) no later than 11:59 pm February 15, 2021.

Scholarship Selection Committee  
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