

# The WITAN President's Scholarship At The University of Akron

## Information and Application

WITAN (Women in Touch with Akron's Needs) is a unique nonprofit organization of women founded in 1943 by seven civic-minded young women. Membership has grown to over 300 remarkable women who give of their time and money as volunteers to benefit our community.

WITAN's mission is three-fold:

- To educate members concerning civic responsibility and to promote volunteerism.
- To recognize, establish and financially support projects that fulfill a need in the community.
- To develop and nurture friendships by working together toward a common goal.

Potential candidates:

- The applicant must be a female nontraditional student at The University of Akron who is in her final year of undergraduate or graduate study.
- All applicants must file a financial aid form with the Student Financial Aid Office, Simmons Hall, (330) 972-7032.
- Members of WITAN and their families are not eligible.
- Funds are dispersed directly to the University of Akron.
- Recipients may only receive the scholarship once.
- Applicant must agree to use funds granted during the current academic year.
- There is only one scholarship awarded annually for \$1,000.
- Candidates may receive a phone call during the selection process requesting further information; however, the application should be as complete as possible.
- Current resume/curriculum vitae including education, work and volunteer history must accompany the application.
- One current letter of recommendation must be included in support of your application and postmarked by March 31, 2017. This letter may be from a professor, employer, or other professional (not a relative).
- Staples cannot** be used on the application—only use paperclips. In addition, **please do not use double-sided copies.**
- Please keep a copy of all materials submitted to WITAN.
- Please send only requested materials. No other materials will be considered.
- Application, resume and recommendation letter must be postmarked by March 31, 2017. Please send Scholarship Application, Resume and References to:**

Laura Conley  
Director, UA Adult Focus  
The University of Akron  
Schrank Hall North 260  
Akron, Ohio 44325-4110

- **The WITAN Presidents' Scholarship Committee will notify the recipient by May 1, 2017.**

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Return this completed application postmarked by March 31, 2016.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION – Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA at The University of Akron: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ College: \_\_\_\_\_

Transfer GPA (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., Business, Engineering, Education)

How does your employment or volunteer work impact your life? Feel free to additional information.

**REFERENCES – Please include a recommendation in a signed (by the recommender) and sealed envelope.**

**Recommendation from the following is attached:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this person as a reference?

**Please instruct the individual writing your letter of recommendation to return the recommendation to you in a signed and sealed envelope. This recommendation should come from an individual who knows you well and can discuss your work, volunteer or academic experience**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Resume/Curriculum Vitae (including education, work and volunteer experience) attached**

**Personal Statement attached**

Please write your essay to answer the question “I am applying for this scholarship because \_\_\_\_.” Include information in your essay that tells us more about your specific need for this scholarship, your career goals, personal background, etc.

**FINANCIAL NEED:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant’s name) grant representatives of WITAN access to my financial aid information as available through the Financial Aid office at The University of Akron. I understand that this information will be used in determining my eligibility for the WITAN President’s Scholarship Award.

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