



## **The WITAN President's Scholarship at The University of Akron**

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 250 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 needs in the community.
- To develop and nurture friendships by working together toward a common goal.

Applicants:

- Applicant must be a female, nontraditional student at The University of Akron who is in her final year of undergraduate or graduate study.
- Applicant must file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student 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.
- Recipient may only receive the scholarship once and must agree to use funds granted during the current academic year.
- There is only one scholarship awarded annually for \$2,500.
- Applicant may receive a phone call during the selection process requesting further information; however, the application should be as complete as possible.
- Include a current resume/curriculum vitae including education, work and volunteer history.
- Include one current letter of recommendation. This letter may be from a professor, employer, or other professional, but not a relative.
- Use paperclips; no staples.
- No double-sided copies.
- Keep a copy of all materials submitted.
- Send only the requested materials. No other materials will be considered.

**Send Application, Resume and Recommendation letter postmarked by February 28, 2026 to:**

Scott Roberts, Assistant Director  
UA Adult Focus  
The University of Akron  
Polsky Building 467  
Akron, Ohio 44325-4110  
adultfocus@uakron.edu

**The WITAN Presidents' Scholarship Committee will notify recipient by March 27, 2026.**



## The WITAN President's Scholarship Application

Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., Business, Engineering, Education)

Transfer GPA (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

1. **How does your employment or volunteer work impact your life?**
2. **Personal Statement: Write an essay answering the question: "I am applying for this scholarship because..." Include information that tells about your specific need for this scholarship, your career goals, personal background, etc.**
3. **Attach Resume/Curriculum Vitae (include education, work and volunteer experience)**

**RECOMMENDATION LETTER:** This recommendation should come from an individual who knows you well and can discuss your work, volunteer or academic experience. Have the individual writing your letter of recommendation return the recommendation to you 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?

### **FINANCIAL NEED:**

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