



## 2025 GFWC Illinois Scholarships

Since its inception, GFWC has advocated passionately for the advancement of education. We are a philanthropic organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. This year, GFWC Illinois will award \$20,000 in scholarship monies to students pursuing degrees in **art, drama, health and wellness, music, and vocational studies** at colleges, community colleges, and vocational programs located in the State of Illinois.

It is my hope as the 2024-2026 Scholarship Chair that a majority of these scholarships will be awarded to students who live in communities where GFWC Illinois clubs are at work.

To help facilitate this goal, I encourage our local clubs to share the news with club members, deliver scholarship applications to local schools and publicize them in local news venues.

And that's all you need to do! Applications from students will be sent directly to the GFWC Illinois scholarship chair who will have panels of judges to choose the best recipients.

Even if your club already has established your own scholarship program, why not add this opportunity to benefit even more students in your community?

Scholarship applications are available on the GFWC Illinois website at <https://gfwcillinois.org/gfwc-il-scholarship-information/>

**Judy Rader**

**GFWC Illinois Scholarship Chair 2024-2026**

**[scholarshipsifwc@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipsifwc@gmail.com)**

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ILLINOIS  
2025 Lorado Taft ART Scholarship Application (minimum \$1,500 award)

Applications must be mailed in one sealed envelope, postmarked by **APRIL 1, 2025**.

Send to: Judy Rader, GFWC Illinois Scholarship Chair, 132 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln IL 62656

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date (college, university, vocational school): \_\_\_\_\_

School you will attend in Fall Semester 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

If current college/university/vocational student: Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Items: the following MUST be included in the application packet**

1. Resume with dates of participation. Include the following:
  - a. Extracurricular activities
  - b. Volunteer activities
  - c. Leadership positions
  - d. Detailed art background: courses, competitions, shows, awards etc.
2. What are your ambitions and goals for the next 5 years? (250 word maximum)
3. GFWC is a service organization. What does service and volunteering mean to you?  
How do you demonstrate your commitment to service? (250 word maximum)
4. Transcripts: high school (include ACT/SAT scores if taken), college/university/vocational transcripts
5. Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, coach, advisor, boss, or other professional source
  - a. Recommendations from family or friends will disqualify the applicant
6. Color photographs of 3 original art pieces with a **description** including: title, materials used, and interpretation of the piece. Include a variety of styles, subjects, and techniques if possible.

**NOTE: Materials submitted with the application will NOT be returned.**

I attest the application materials are my own and I accept the terms of the scholarship application:

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ILLINOIS

## Scholarship Application 2025



### **GFWC Mission Statement:**

GFWC is a philanthropic organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. This year, GFWC Illinois will award scholarships to students pursuing arts, drama, education, music, and vocational studies.

### **Scholarship Eligibility:**

- Pursuing a related major or minor in the selected field of study listed above.
- Must attend a community college, college, university, or vocational school physically located in the state of Illinois during the Fall 2025 semester.
- Must be a graduating high school senior, current college/university/vocational student, and/or an adult returning to school.
- Must be a resident of the state of Illinois.

### **Submission:**

Applications must be mailed in one sealed envelope, postmarked by **APRIL 1, 2025**.  
Materials that are late or incomplete will not be accepted.

Judy Rader  
Attn: GFWC Scholarship Committee  
132 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Il, 62656

### **Disqualification:**

- Failure to meet eligibility requirements
- Late or incomplete application
- Letters of recommendation from family or friends

### **Award Notification:**

Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee. The minimum award is \$1,500. Scholarship winners will be notified by June 15<sup>th</sup> via email and postal mail. Winners will be posted on the GFWC Illinois Website.

If selected to receive a scholarship, the student will be required to show a letter of acceptance from the school the student will attend in the Fall 2025 semester. Checks will be mailed and written directly to the college, university, or vocational school.

### **Questions:**

Please email [scholarshipsifwc@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipsifwc@gmail.com) with questions.

**GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ILLINOIS**  
**2025 Arthur Grant Smith DRAMA Scholarship Application (minimum \$1,500 award)**

**Applications & all materials must be mailed in one sealed envelope, postmarked by **APRIL 1, 2025**.**

Send to: Judy Rader, GFWC Illinois Scholarship Chair, 132 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln IL 62656

**Examples of degrees include but are not limited to Acting, Sound/Lighting, Directing, Cinematography,  
Film/video production, Playwriting, and Stagecraft.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date (college, university, vocational school): \_\_\_\_\_

School you will attend in Fall Semester 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

If current college/university/vocational student: Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Items: the following MUST be included in the application packet**

1. Resume with dates of participation. Include the following:
  - a. Extracurricular activities
  - b. Volunteer activities
  - c. Leadership positions
  - d. Detailed drama/theater background: performances, auditions, private lessons, courses, etc.
2. What are your ambitions and goals for the next 5 years? (250 word maximum)
3. GFWC is a service organization. What does service and volunteering mean to you?  
How do you demonstrate your commitment to service? (250 word maximum)
4. Transcripts: high school (include ACT/SAT scores if taken), college/university/vocational transcripts
5. Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, coach, advisor, boss, or other professional source
  - a. Recommendations from family or friends will disqualify the applicant
6. Acting: digital copies (flash drive) of 3 performances, set design, etc. not to exceed a total of 15 minutes. Solo performances are preferred. Include the show and character names.
7. If not acting: include 3 descriptions and images of theater involvement, set creations, playwriting, etc. Include the show and character names as applicable.

**NOTE: Materials submitted with the application will NOT be returned.**

I attest the application materials are my own and I accept the terms of the scholarship application:

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ILLINOIS

## Scholarship Application 2025



### **GFWC Mission Statement:**

GFWC is a philanthropic organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. This year, GFWC Illinois will award scholarships to students pursuing arts, drama, education, music, and vocational studies.

### **Scholarship Eligibility:**

- Pursuing a related major or minor in the selected field of study listed above.
- Must attend a community college, college, university, or vocational school physically located in the state of Illinois during the Fall 2025 semester.
- Must be a graduating high school senior, current college/university/vocational student, and/or an adult returning to school.
- Must be a resident of the state of Illinois.

### **Submission:**

**Applications & all materials must be mailed in one sealed envelope, postmarked by **APRIL 1, 2025**.  
Materials that are late or incomplete will not be accepted.**

Judy Rader  
Attn: GFWC Scholarship Committee  
132 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln IL 62656

### **Disqualification:**

- Failure to meet eligibility requirements
- Late or incomplete application
- Letters of recommendation from family or friends

### **Award Notification:**

Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee. The minimum award is \$1,500. Scholarship winners will be notified by June 15<sup>th</sup> via email and postal mail. Winners will be posted on the GFWC Illinois Website.

If selected to receive a scholarship, the student will be required to show a letter of acceptance from the school the student will attend in the Fall, 2025 semester. Checks will be mailed and written directly to the college, university, or vocational school.

### **Questions:**

Please email [scholarshipsifwc@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipsifwc@gmail.com) with questions.  
Communication will only occur between the scholarship committee and the applicant.

**GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ILLINOIS**  
**2025 Vina A Miller HEALTH & WELLNESS Scholarship Application (minimum \$1,500 award)**

**Applications must be mailed in one sealed envelope, postmarked by **APRIL 1, 2025**.**

Send to: Judy Rader, GFWC Illinois Scholarship Chair, 132 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln IL 62656

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date (college, university, vocational school): \_\_\_\_\_

School you will attend in Fall Semester 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

**If current college/university/vocational student:** Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Items: the following MUST be included in the application packet**

1. Resume with dates of participation. Include the following:
  - a. Extracurricular activities
  - b. Volunteer activities
  - c. Leadership positions
2. What are your ambitions and goals for the next 5 years? (250 word maximum)
3. GFWC is a service organization. What does service and volunteering mean to you?  
How do you demonstrate your commitment to service? (250 word maximum)
4. Transcripts: high school (include ACT/SAT scores if taken), college/university/vocational transcripts
5. Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, coach, advisor, boss, or other professional source
  - a. Recommendations from family or friends will disqualify the applicant

**NOTE: Materials submitted with the application will NOT be returned.**

I attest the application materials are my own and I accept the terms of the scholarship application:

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ILLINOIS

## Scholarship Application 2025



### **GFWC Mission Statement:**

GFWC is a philanthropic organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. This year, GFWC Illinois will award scholarships to students pursuing arts, drama, education, music, and vocational studies.

### **Scholarship Eligibility:**

- Pursuing a related major or minor in the selected field of study listed above.
- Must attend a community college, college, university, or vocational school physically located in the state of Illinois during the Fall 2025 semester.
- Must be a graduating high school senior, current college/university/vocational student, and/or an adult returning to school.
- Must be a resident of the state of Illinois.

### **Submission:**

Applications must be mailed in **one** sealed envelope, postmarked by **APRIL 1, 2025**.  
Materials that are late or incomplete will not be accepted.

Judy Rader  
Attn: GFWC Scholarship Committee  
132 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln IL 62656

### **Disqualification:**

- Failure to meet eligibility requirements
- Late or incomplete application
- Letters of recommendation from family or friends

### **Award Notification:**

Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee. The minimum award is \$1,500. Scholarship winners will be notified by June 15<sup>th</sup> via email and postal mail. Winners will be posted on the GFWC Illinois Website.

If selected to receive a scholarship, the student will be required to show a letter of acceptance from the school the student will attend in the Fall, 2025 semester. Checks will be mailed and written directly to the college, university, or vocational school.

### **Questions:**

Please email [scholarshipsifwc@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipsifwc@gmail.com) with questions.

Communication will only occur between the scholarship committee and the applicant.

**GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ILLINOIS**  
**2025 Hamilton Ridge MUSIC Scholarship Application (minimum \$1,500 award)**

**Applications must be mailed in one sealed envelope, postmarked by **APRIL 1, 2025**.**  
Send to: Judy Rader, GFWC Illinois Scholarship Chair, 132 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln IL 62656

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date (college, university, vocational school): \_\_\_\_\_

School you will attend in Fall Semester 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

If current college/university/vocational student: Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Items: the following MUST be included in the application packet**

1. Resume with dates of participation. Include the following:
  - a. Extracurricular activities
  - b. Volunteer activities
  - c. Leadership positions
  - d. Detailed music background: performances, competitions, lessons, classes, school involvement, etc.
2. What are your ambitions and goals for the next 5 years? (250 word maximum)
3. GFWC is a service organization. What does service and volunteering mean to you?  
How do you demonstrate your commitment to service? (250 word maximum)
4. Transcripts: high school (include ACT/SAT scores if taken), college/university/vocational transcripts
5. Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, coach, advisor, boss, or other professional source
  - a. Recommendations from family or friends will disqualify the applicant
6. Digital copies (flash drive) of 3 performance selections, not to exceed a total of 15 minutes. Performances should be solo (instrumental or vocal). Include a variety and range of your skillset.

**NOTE: Materials submitted with the application will NOT be returned.**

I attest the application materials are my own and I accept the terms of the scholarship application:

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ILLINOIS

## Scholarship Application 2025



### **GFWC Mission Statement:**

GFWC is a philanthropic organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. This year, GFWC Illinois will award scholarships to students pursuing arts, drama, education, music, and vocational studies.

### **Scholarship Eligibility:**

- Pursuing a related major or minor in the selected field of study listed above.
- Must attend a community college, college, university, or vocational school physically located in the state of Illinois during the Fall 2025 semester.
- Must be a graduating high school senior, current college/university/vocational student, and/or an adult returning to school.
- Must be a resident of the state of Illinois.

### **Submission:**

Applications must be mailed in **one** sealed envelope, postmarked by **APRIL 1, 2025**.

Materials that are late or incomplete will not be accepted.

Judy Rader  
Attn: GFWC Scholarship Committee  
132 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln IL 62656

### **Disqualification:**

- Failure to meet eligibility requirements
- Late or incomplete application
- Letters of recommendation from family or friends

### **Award Notification:**

Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee. The minimum award is \$1,500. Scholarship winners will be notified by June 15<sup>th</sup> via email and postal mail. Winners will be posted on the GFWC Illinois Website.

If selected to receive a scholarship, the student will be required to show a letter of acceptance from the school the student will attend in the Fall, 2025 semester. Checks will be mailed and written directly to the college, university, or vocational school.

### **Questions:**

Please email [scholarshipsifwc@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipsifwc@gmail.com) with questions.

Communication will only occur between the scholarship committee and the applicant.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ILLINOIS  
2025 VOCATIONAL Scholarship Application (minimum \$1,500 award)

**Applications & all materials must be mailed in one sealed envelope, postmarked by **APRIL 1, 2025**.**

The vocational field focuses on job-specific training for students interested in skilled trades. Most vocational students will attend community colleges, vocational, or trade schools. Examples of vocational fields include, but are not limited to: cosmetology, culinary arts, building trades, automotive, medical/dental assisting, computer repair, technology, firefighting, HVAC, office management, welding, paramedic/EMT, radiation therapist, and landscape designer.

**Send to: Judy Rader, GFWC Illinois Scholarship Chair, 132 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln IL 62656**

**Circle One:** Female- Illinois Cottage Park Male-Lincoln Lodge

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date (college, university, vocational school): \_\_\_\_\_

School you will attend in Fall Semester 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Area of Study/Program: \_\_\_\_\_

**If current community college/vocational student:** Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Items: the following MUST be included in the application packet**

- Resume with dates of participation. Include the following:
  - Extracurricular activities
  - Volunteer activities
  - Leadership positions
- What are your ambitions and goals for the next 5 years? (250 word maximum)
- GFWC is a service organization. What does service and volunteering mean to you?  
How do you demonstrate your commitment to service? (250 word maximum)
- Transcripts: high school (include ACT/SAT scores if taken), college/university/vocational transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, coach, advisor, boss, or other professional source
  - Recommendations from family or friends will disqualify the applicant

**NOTE: Materials submitted with the application will NOT be returned.**

I attest the application materials are my own and I accept the terms of the scholarship application:

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ILLINOIS

## Scholarship Application 2025



### **GFWC Mission Statement:**

GFWC is a philanthropic organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. This year, GFWC Illinois will award scholarships to students pursuing arts, drama, education, music, and vocational studies.

### **Scholarship Eligibility:**

- Pursuing a related major or minor in the selected field of study listed above.
- Must attend a community college, college, university, or vocational school physically located in the state of Illinois during the Fall 2025 semester.
- Must be a graduating high school senior, current college/university/vocational student, and/or an adult returning to school.
- Must be a resident of the state of Illinois.

### **Submission:**

Applications must be mailed in one sealed envelope, postmarked by **APRIL 1, 2025**.  
Materials that are late or incomplete will not be accepted.

Judy Rader  
Attn: GFWC Scholarship Committee  
132 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln IL 62656

### **Disqualification:**

- Failure to meet eligibility requirements
- Late or incomplete application
- Letters of recommendation from family or friends

### **Award Notification:**

Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee. The minimum award is \$1,500. Scholarship winners will be notified by June 15<sup>th</sup> via email and postal mail. Winners will be posted on the GFWC Illinois Website.

If selected to receive a scholarship, the student will be required to show a letter of acceptance from the school the student will attend in the Fall, 2025 semester. Checks will be mailed and written directly to the college, university, or vocational school.

### **Questions:**

Please email [scholarshipsifwc@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipsifwc@gmail.com) with questions.  
Communication will only occur between the scholarship committee and the applicant.