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2022 Executive Women International Adult Students in Scholastic Transition (ASIST) Scholarship Program

The Adult Students in Scholastic Transition (ASIST) Scholarship Program helps provide financial support to adult students in a variety of transitional situations. EWI believes that the ASIST Program will positively impact the personal life, employment, family, and community of the applicant.

EWI was founded in 1938 by Lucille J. Perkins to change the roles of women in business and the diverse careers held by our members. We are an international organization with 35 Chapters across the United States and Canada. EWI has been awarding scholarships for over 30 years and awards over \$300,000 in scholarships each year through our Chapters and the Corporate Office.

The ASIST Scholarship is a non-discriminatory, educational scholarship program for the benefit of nontraditional students pursuing an associates, bachelor or master's degree, or a technical/professional certification. These include persons who are:

- Past high school age and who are entering a college, university, or trade school and/or the workforce for the first time
- Non-traditional students already enrolled in a college, university, or trade school program
- Re-training due to changes in the workplace

In addition to the Chapter ASIST, there are corporate awards (payable in USD) given annually. Corporate candidates are selected from first place Chapter winners.

Awards are provided for the recipients' education and related expenses to aid them in obtaining the necessary educational skills to help achieve career goals and objectives. Related expenses include tuition, books, lab fees and mandatory fees from schools. Not included are such things as rent, utility payments, travel expense, repayment of student loans or remaining balances payable to recipient. Checks for Chapter and Corporate scholarship awards are paid directly to the respective college, university, or trade school. Scholarship awards are valid for one year from date granted and must be paid within one year of being awarded. Unclaimed awards will be returned to the Chapter or Corporate B/C/DP accounts for redistribution.

Applicants cannot be an EWI representative. All applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Clearly defined career goals and objectives
- Ability to specify the educational requirements needed to attain the above goals and objectives
- Response to two essay questions
- Copy of completed FAFSA/TAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Copy of student aid application (if applicable)
- Two references – one can be from an employer (past/present), teacher/school administrator, sponsor, and second reference can be from a church official, volunteer organization or personal acquaintance. These references should focus on the candidate's goals/objectives and potential for success.
- Must reside within the eight-county Southeastern Wisconsin area served by EWI of Milwaukee including Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Walworth, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee, and Sheboygan counties.
- Legally reside within the country for which they are applying



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The following materials are required to be provided electronically to upload into the application. Please have these available when submitting your application:

- FAFSA/TAFFSA documentation
- Student Transcripts – most current schooling document is required
- ACT/SAT scores as applicable for applicant's future educational plans
- Prior Year Income Tax Return
- Two (2) Personal Recommendations –the letters must be completed by two (2) individuals of the applicant's choice who is either a past or present employer, teacher, counselor or other school administrator, or someone serving in a leadership/mentorship role for the applicant. These references should focus on the candidate's goals/objectives and potential for success.
- Essay – maximum of 1,000 words describing your life's goals and objectives and how obtaining additional education or a college degree will further these goals and objectives. Explain what qualifies you for this scholarship.

Selection criteria may include the following:

- Financial need
- Socially, physically, and economic challenges faced by the applicant
- Individuals with children residing in the home

Helpful Reminders:

- Click “SAVE” each time you edit your online application.
- Use the “? Help” feature in the online platform – i.e., Kaleidoscope
- Make sure you “Submit” your application when it is completed to be considered.

Apply online now at: <https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/asist2022>

- **Deadline** for submission of applications: **no later than 5:59 a.m. ET on Saturday, March 19, 2022**
- **All finalists and a guest will be invited to attend the EWI of Milwaukee Awards Banquet on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, to receive their scholarship. In-person attendance is encouraged.**

EWI Milwaukee Chapter award levels for 2022:

- 1st Place: \$3,000*
- 2nd Place: \$2,000
- 3rd Place: \$1,000



Find out more about EWI® at our Milwaukee Chapter website at www.ewimilwaukee.org

For more information about our 2022 ASIST Scholarship Program, contact:
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*First place award recipient will be sent on to compete for the National EWI ASIST Scholarship program.