



GFWC South Lake Junior Woman's Club

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*A Scholarship for high school seniors enrolling into college
Or Single Moms returning to school*

This packet is designed to provide high school seniors, teachers or single moms who reside in South Lake County the information needed to successfully complete the GFWC South Lake Junior Woman's Club scholarship application.

Completed applications must be received
no later than **March 29th, 2024**

GFWC South Lake Junior Woman's Club
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 121411
Clermont, FL 34712

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

It is the GFWC South Lake Junior Woman's Club to promote and encourage continued education in the community by awarding (at a minimum) 1 Student applicant up to \$500 or an unspecified number of student applicants a year with up to a \$500 scholarship each, based on the funds raised throughout the year.

Recipient must be accepted as a full-time student at an accredited junior college, community college, college, or university, in **Florida**. Scholarship funds will be released to a school after the SLJWC receives a letter of acceptance from an accredited school and the recipient notifies the Chairperson in writing of his/her intent to enroll in the Upcoming Fall/Spring semester(s). Funds are mailed out by the month of October of each year.

Funds for the recipient will be mailed directly to the school Financial Aid Office with the instructions that they are to be used for expenses processed through their office for the recipient. If the scholarship recipient decides to attend another school, he/she must immediately notify the SLJWC Scholarship Chairperson so the funds may be transferred.

Unused student funds from the account must be returned to the SLJWC if the following occurs:

- The recipient stops attending classes and/or withdraws from school for whatever reason and does not immediately transfer to another accredited school.

All funds returned to the South Lake Junior Woman's Club will be added to the funds for the following year's awards.

DIRECTIONS FOR APPLYING

1. Carefully review the forms provided in this scholarship packet. Enclosed you will find the scholarship application, required essay question, teacher recommendation form and the scholarship criteria. This application must be submitted by the applicant.
2. **Complete the scholarship application included in this packet.**
3. Applicant must be a South Lake County Resident
4. This scholarship requires you to provide a resume, answer all essay questions and obtain recommendations.

A complete scholarship packet must contain the following:

- Completed Scholarship Application
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Essay
- Teacher Recommendation Form (High School Students)
- Financials (from applicants 21 years or older)

5. This scholarship requires you to volunteer with SLJWC for at least ONE shift at:
*Pig on the Pond (October 13-15, 2023) OR *Light Up Clermont (December 1, 2023) OR
*4th Annual Golf Tournament (March 2, 2024).
Contact Scholarship Chair at email - sljwcscholarship@gmail.com to get additional details
and on the schedule.

Please answer the following essay questions. Limit each response to one page, using a 12-point font size.

1. Describe your reason for submitting this application.
2. Describe what "Community" means to you and describe any positive impacts you have made in the South Lake Community to date or hope to make in the future.
3. What are your plans for the future, and how will this scholarship assist you in achieving your goals?
4. If you are a teacher applying, how will a scholarship help your classroom?

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List all volunteer/community activities in which you have been involved:

Did you volunteer with SLJWC during any club events? If yes, which date and time and where did you volunteer?

I hereby certify that the information given in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. The financial information given is correct and verifiable in the event that the applicant is awarded a scholarship. I understand that the selection committees will keep this information confidential.

Applicants Signature

Date

Applicants Printed Name

Date

Parent's or Guardian's Signature

Date

Financial Information (Only - Applicants 21 Years Old or Older)

How much was **your** income, based on your 2023 Tax Return? \$ _____ monthly/yearly

Please indicate your family's **household** income before taxes:

_____ Under \$25,000 _____ \$25,000-\$50,000 _____ \$51,000-\$75,000 _____ Over \$75,000

Has your financial situation changed in the last six months where extenuating circumstances would adversely affect your ability to pay for your continuing education? If yes, please provide a brief explanation. Additional explanation can be given in the essay question portion of the application.

Yes No

Provide the following:

- First page of the most current years' tax return- you can black out any social security numbers prior to submitting application.

- Two recommendations. Applicant must have two written recommendations from anyone not related to the student (employer, past teacher, etc)

Teacher Recommendation Form (High School Applicants)

You have been asked to provide information in support of this application for the South Lake Junior Woman’s Scholarship. Your applicant is to provide a copy of his/her resume along with this form. The student is responsible for making additional copies of this recommendation form as needed. Please complete and return to the applicant. You may also write a letter of recommendation on behalf of the applicant. (Although this form is required, some scholarships award points only for personalized letters of recommendations.)

First Name MI Last Name

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
The applicant possesses a high level of academic ability.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The applicant demonstrates creative thinking by stimulating curiosity and promoting divergence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The applicant demonstrates good self-control and has respect for self and others.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The applicant has demonstrated a commitment to school and community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The applicant has demonstrated excellent leadership ability.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The applicant is highly responsible.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

Name and Title of School Official (please print)

Signature of School Official

Date

E-Mail Address

Phone Number