



Scholarship Name: Association for Women in Computing Scholarship

Founder: Association for Women in Computing – Upstate NY Chapter

Purpose: Established in 2004 this fund provides a \$1,000 academic scholarship to female computing student(s) in the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences (GCCIS.) or current members of the AWC@RIT Student chapter

History: The Association for Women in Computing is a national non-profit professional organization for women and men who have an interest in information technology. The Association is dedicated to the advancement of women in the technology fields. The Upstate New York chapter was chartered in 1996 and is open to anyone interested in information technology.

Eligibility: Applicants must be female and studying computing within GCCIS or current members in good standing of the AWC@RIT student chapter. Recipient(s) will be selected for this scholarship based on their continued enrollment in a computing program at Rochester Institute of Technology. Only sophomore and juniors are eligible. Applicants are eligible to win the scholarship more than once.

Recipient(s) must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 3.0 or above. Financial need is not a requirement.

*All applicants must complete Association for Women in Computing Scholarship Application Form for consideration.

The Fund: This is a restricted scholarship.

Administration: The B. Thomas Golisano College Scholarship Committee will administer awards to men and women, veterans, and persons with disabilities, individuals of any race, creed, religion, color,

national ethnic origin, sexual orientation, age or marital status, in compliance with all appropriate legislation.

Each year, the founders will be informed of the applicant(s) qualified to receive the scholarship, including current hometown, grade point average and any other general statement of qualifications that are available for release. The founders will then independently judge and determine the final recipient of the scholarship.

Application submissions are due by **Wednesday, September 24th, 2008**. Please **email** a copy to scholarship@awc-uny.org **and drop-off the original signed application** to the GCCIS Dean's Office.

The recipient will be selected by Monday, October 6th, 2008. The founders will notify both RIT and the recipient by Tuesday, October 7th, 2008

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Association for Women in Computing
Upstate New York Chapter

2008 Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Name:

Sex (Female/Male):

RIT Address:

RIT e-mail:

Enrolled at GCCIS?

Yes_____ No_____

Member of AWC@RIT?

Yes_____ No_____

Home Address:

Home e- mail:

Academic Year:

Overall GPA:

GPA in Technology Major:

Essay Requirement:

Recipient(s) must submit an essay telling us about themselves and their interest in computing. Essays should not exceed 1,000 words (approx. 5 pages double spaced). Topics for the 2008 Scholarship essay should answer the following question:

The AWC-UNY is interested in supporting and encouraging women entering the technology field. Please write an essay that helps us understand you and what you hope to achieve by having a career in technology.

This essay should identify your motivation to enter the technology field, barriers you have overcome, and goals for your future in the technology fields.

**Scholarship Application
Evaluation**

Scholarships will be evaluated by members of the Association for Women in Computing – Upstate NY Chapter (AWC-UNY) along with RIT staff and faculty.

The Scholarship will be awarded based on:

- Applicant has met all preset eligibility requirements
- (40%) Overall GPA and Technology Major GPA
- (60%) Strength of essay, including relevance of reply, organization and general writing technique. Answers must include the following information:
 - Motivation for involvement in field
 - Barriers overcome
 - Goals for future

Signature and release:

Please sign and date this form. Your signature indicates your agreement to release your personal information on this application to the AWC-UNY.

Your signature will also indicate your willingness to allow the AWC-UNY to share your essay as a whole or in part.

Applicant Signature:

Date: _____