

# The WIIT Scholarship Program



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*The WIIT Charitable Trust scholarship program is designed to provide financial assistance to further educational objectives of women who are interested in international development, international relations, international trade, international economics, or international business.*

## About the Scholarship

- ❖ **Amount:** 2 scholarships of \$1500 each (one for an undergraduate female student and one for a graduate female student) for the Summer or Fall 2014 Semester and the Spring 2015 Semester. Each recipient will also receive one year free membership in WIIT or OWIT.
- ❖ **Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must meet the following criteria. No exceptions will be considered.
  - ❖ Be **currently** enrolled or accepted at an accredited U.S. university or college, either full-time or part-time. **Undergraduate and graduate students** are eligible.
  - ❖ Demonstrated interest in international development, international relations, international trade, international economics, or international business;
  - ❖ And be a **woman**.
  - ❖ Note: Applications from relatives of the directors and officers of the Association of Women in International Trade, Inc. and members of the WIIT Charitable Trust Committee and the selection committee are not eligible for consideration.
- ❖ **Selection Criteria:** Awards will be based on quality of the assigned essay. Furthermore, the selection committee will pay close attention to the candidate's interest in international trade issues. Awards are made without regard to race, creed, color, or religion. WIIT reserves the right to revise, suspend, or discontinue this program without notice. Further, essays may be published in the WIIT Newsletter if they are of publishable quality.
- ❖ **Entry Period:** Completed applications, essays and transcripts, or letter of admission (proof of acceptance to a college or university) must be received no later than **March 15, 2014** if applying for assistance for the Summer or Fall 2014 and **July 15, 2014** if applying for assistance for Spring 2015.
- ❖ **Notification:** Winners will be notified by June 15, 2014 for Fall 2014 applicants and September 15, 2014 for Spring 2015 applicants.

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## Terms and Conditions

1. The WIIT Charitable Trust (WIIT) is not responsible for late, lost, spam-filtered, stolen, delayed, damaged, misdirected or incomplete entries. Incomplete entries will be disqualified.
2. WIIT takes a strong position against plagiarism (the unauthorized use or close imitation of the language and thoughts of another author and the representation of them as one's own original work). WIIT reserves the right to immediately disqualify any entry suspected of containing plagiarized material.
3. All essays submitted to WIIT shall become the sole and exclusive property of WIIT and WIIT shall have no obligation to preserve, return, or otherwise make these materials available to the applicant or any other. Submission of an essay will be construed as the applicant granting WIIT permission to use, reproduce, edit, prepare derivative works of, modify, publish or otherwise make use of essays submitted in any and all media for any purpose.
4. WIIT reserves the right to reject any essay without assigning any reason thereof. Any decision taken to this effect shall be final and binding and not subject to any dispute or challenge.
5. Applicant agrees to hold WIIT, its officers, directors, agents, successors and assigns harmless from and against any claims of any nature arising in connection with WIIT's use of applicant essays in any manner in WIIT's sole and absolute discretion. Applicant further waives the right to claim any damages whatsoever including, but not limited to, punitive, consequential, direct or indirect damages. Except where prohibited, applicant agrees that any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of or connected with this scholarship program shall be resolved under the laws of the District of Columbia without regard to any conflict of laws issue.
6. WIIT shall be entitled to use, in any manner, the name, photographs and other personal details (exclusive of street address, email address and phone number) for publicity purposes. By submitting an essay all applicants are deemed to have consented to the use of this information by WIIT in all media and agree to cooperate with WIIT in developing publicity and promotional materials.
7. WIIT reserves the right to modify, suspend or terminate the scholarship program for any reason without prior notice.
8. Submission of an essay shall be construed as an acceptance of the Terms and Conditions stipulated herein. Any breach or default by applicant of any of the Terms and Conditions herein shall result in immediate disqualification without notice.

## Application Process

- ❖ A **completed application** includes a 3-5 page essay, applicant information, and proof of acceptance or current enrollment in an accredited U.S. college or university. All materials should be submitted by email only to [info@wiittrust.org](mailto:info@wiittrust.org) (No hard copies.)
- ❖ Please use the following subject line for the submission email of your completed application: **Submission for WIIT TRUST Essay Writing Contest**
- ❖ Only one submission entry will be accepted from each entrant.
- ❖ The decisions of the WIIT Trust’s judging panel are final. The WIIT Trust reserves the right to disqualify any essay submission that does not conform to the above stipulated guidelines.

### 2014 / 2015 Essay Topic

“Discuss the economic and political ramifications of negotiating a free trade agreement between the United States and the European Union.”

The essay should develop the theme in an academic manner and, at a minimum, address the following questions/issues:

- What are likely to be the three to five most contentious issues in these negotiations and why?
- Explore the economic implications, pros and cons, of a US - EU free trade agreement.
- In the context of these negotiations, explain the role and importance of “Trade Promotion Authority” and its possible impact on the negotiations.

The typed essay should be between **3-5 pages** in length, double-spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, with all pages clearly numbered, and submitted in a PDF format. A detailed bibliography should be included. The essay must be written in English and conform to the guidelines of the Chicago Manual of Style ([http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools\\_citationguide.html](http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html))

<b>Applicant Information</b>		
SUBMIT EMAIL WITH COMPLETED FORM, ESSAY AND PROOF OF ACCEPTANCE OR ENROLLMENT		
Name:		
Gender:	Citizenship / Permanent Residency:	
Current Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Current Email Address:		
Home Phone Number:		
Cell Phone Number:		
Name of University		
Name of Faculty / Department / School		
Level of Study (Bachelor's / Master's / PhD)		
Major Area of Study	Year of Study	
Title of Essay	Word Count (excluding footnotes and bibliography)	

## About the WIIT Charitable Trust

The Women in International Trade (WIIT) Charitable Trust is a 501(c)(3) organization created in 2001 to fund charitable, scientific, and educational activities in international trade. Its mission is to promote public knowledge and understanding of international trade and international business and strengthen the role of women therein by being a valued source of information and by globally sponsoring research, educational programs, and information-sharing activities. Our members are engaged in a variety of international trade careers, including business, U.S. and foreign government, and non-profit organizations.