

# American Association of University Women Buffalo Branch, Inc.

## Olga Lindberg Scholarship



### Guidelines:

- Up to two merit-based scholarship awards: one in the amount of \$10,000 and one in the amount of \$5,000.
- Applicant must be female and, at the time of application (i.e. in April), be at the equivalent to the 4th year college level or higher.
- Applicant must be attending an accredited college in the fall following the application; proof of enrollment required to receive award.
- Applicant must be a Western New York resident. Applicant does not need to currently study at a WNY institution. However, the applicant must have lived in Western New York prior to attending college, or is now (and has been for at least a year) a resident of Western New York. The counties of Western New York are Erie, Niagara, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany.
- Scholarship is merit based; 3.7 cum GPA or above, based upon past 7 semesters or last 3.5 years of study. If a GPA is not available, we require information from the institution which would provide equivalent values.
- Applicant must submit three letters of recommendation: 2 academic, 1 non-academic.
- Applicant must obtain official transcripts of **all** colleges attended since high school graduation.
- Letters of recommendation and transcripts may be sent in one of two ways:
  - 1) Recommenders and colleges may send the documents directly to our address.
  - 2) You may obtain SEALED original letters of recommendation and transcripts and you may send those sealed along with your application (in a single envelope). This gives you the greatest control over the receipt of your application and supporting materials.

**In either case, you are responsible to ensure that your documents are received by the deadline. Late supporting materials or missing supporting materials will disqualify your application.**

- Applicant must write a 1-page essay on one of the following topics:
  - 1) Life goals
  - 2) Personal Development
- Applicant must list student activities and a brief description the leadership role you play or played in them. Include what you find most rewarding or valuable about your participation in these activities.
- Applicant must list community involvement and a brief description of the benefits received from it and must list awards and honors received.
- Applicant must attend a personal interview if requested to do so.
- Applications and supporting documents must be postmarked by April 1. It is applicant's responsibility to mail in time and to ensure that all transcripts, references, etc. are mailed in time to satisfy the deadline. Applications postmarked after April 1 will not be accepted. It is highly suggested that applicants mail materials *before* April 1.
- Awards will be presented in September after receiving confirmation / proof of enrollment.
- Applications must be typed or computer printed. Handwritten or incomplete applications will not be considered. Electronic submissions are not accepted.
- Previous recipients of the Olga Lindberg scholarship are ineligible.

### Send completed applications and all supporting materials to:

**AAUW, P.O. Box 894, Cheektowaga, NY, 14225-0894,  
Attn: Olga Lindberg Scholarship Committee.**

**Voice Mail phone: 716-559-3037 to ask questions.**

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**PLEASE FILL IN ONLINE OR TYPE USING TYPEWRITER OR WORD PROCESSOR/COMPUTER. You may attach information to the application.**

**HAND-WRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Course of Study \_\_\_\_\_ Date Transcript Sent \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list ALL colleges attended since high school; current first. Please ensure that *official* transcripts from *each* of these schools have been sent to AAUW. Attach additional pages if necessary.**

<u>Name of College/Univ</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>GPA</u>

**Letters of Recommendation (list name of reference)**

1<sup>st</sup> Reference     Academic     Non Academic    \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Reference     Academic     Non Academic    \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Reference     Academic     Non Academic    \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Declaration**

I certify that all of the information contained in my application form is accurate and that I did not receive assistance incompleting the essay portion of this application. I understand that, at the option of American Association of University Women Buffalo Branch, Inc., I may be interviewed as a candidate for the Olga Lindberg Scholarship Award. I consent to the review and release of this application to the appropriate persons of AAUW, Buffalo Branch. I also consent to the release of my name and information for publicity purposes if I am an award recipient.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Please type in the space provided or use a separate sheet of paper to answer these questions.

**Personal Goals-** In three to five sentences, describe your current course study and current career interests.

*For example: "I am a \_\_\_ year student at the University of \_\_\_.  
I will graduate with a \_\_\_ degree in \_\_\_. My future plans are to \_\_\_...."*

**Student Activities** - Describe your past and present student activities and the leadership role you played in them. Please include what you find most rewarding or valuable about your participation in these activities and what you have learned about yourself and others.

**Community Involvement** - Describe the past and present activities in which you participated that benefit your community. Why did you select these activities and how have they affected your personal growth?

**Paid Job Experience** - List any paid job and the experience you gained from performing that job.

**Awards/Recognition/Honors** - List any awards/recognition/honors which you have received.

**Where/how** did you learn about this scholarship program?

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CHOOSE ONLY ONE ESSAY.

IDENTIFY WHICH ESSAY YOU ARE COMPLETING.

ESSAY IS TO BE APPROXIMATELY 1 PAGE

(Please note: your essay should be no more than 2 pages. Please attach your essay as single-sided attachment.)

USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER. PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER ON YOUR ESSAY SHEET.

## Essay Choices

1. **Life Goals** - Describe your life goals, how you came upon this goal, and how the college program you are pursuing prepares you for these goals.
2. **Personal Development** - Discuss any obstacles or special experiences that have influenced your personal development and how you have overcome these obstacles or benefited from these special experiences.

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## Academic Recommendation

**RECOMMENDATION MUST BE TYPED or Computer-Printed. HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS ARE DISQUALIFIED.**

Recommendation for: \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Your Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

To the recommender: The young woman named above has applied for the Olga Lindberg Scholarship awarded by the American Association of University Women Buffalo Branch, Inc. Please discuss the applicant's personal strengths, accomplishments and potential for future success.

**This recommendation must be postmarked by April 1. Failure to meet this deadline will disqualify the candidate.**

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to: AAUW, Olga Lindberg Scholarship, P. O. Box 894, Cheektowaga, NY 14225-0894 in order to meet the deadline.**  
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## Non-Academic/Non-Family Adult Recommendation

Recommendation for: \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Your Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

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