United States and Canada: 2019 Women Techmakers Scholars Program Application Instructions

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Application Link

https://cseduapplication.withgoogle.com/applications/wtmna2018

Short Answer Essay Questions

The four short answer essay questions below are intended to assess your academic excellence, proven leadership abilities and passion for computer science.

- Please use one document to capture all four essay questions and upload to the online application in PDF format. Please note the max file size is 7MB.
- Please name your file "FirstName_LastName_essay" i.e. "Harry_Potter_essay".
- Please copy and paste all essay questions and write your responses underneath the question.
- Each response to the five questions below should be 300 words or less each.

1) How did you become interested in computer science, and what are your goals or aspirations when you think about pursuing a degree in this field? In your answer, please describe how your experiences have influenced the goals you have for yourself.

2) Please describe the most significant computer science project or research you have worked on, how you approached key technical challenges, and what you gained from the experience. It might have been a class assignment, a research project or work as an intern. If the project was team-based, specify your individual role and contributions in the project.

3) Please give us one example of how you have exhibited leadership. Explain how you were influential, what you were trying to achieve and the impact you had as a result. These need not be demonstrated through formal or traditional leadership roles. Think broadly and examine the many ways you are having an effect on the members of your technical community, your university or your broader community.

4) As a Women Techmakers Scholar, you will have the opportunity to have an impact inspiring and supporting women in the field of technology. How do you view yourself as being able to contribute towards supporting women in tech, and what ideas do you have that the community of Women Techmakers scholars could do to contribute? Keep in mind that impact can happen in many ways and at different scales.

5) What impact would receiving this scholarship have on your education? Describe any circumstances affecting your need for a scholarship and what educational goals this scholarship will enable you to accomplish.

Application Tips

Learn the dos and don'ts of the WTM Scholarship Application in [this video](#)! Google Program Specialists and previous scholars pull back the curtain on the WTM program while giving you awesome tips to bring out the best of yourself in your application. **Please note that this is a recording from last year and this year's application deadline is <u>December 6, 2018</u>.**

Letters of Reference Overview

For the 2019 WTM Scholars program, one letter of reference is required by the application deadline, which is December 6, 2018 at 11:59pm PT.

Here are the steps for a student to submit a letter of reference:

Step 1: Applicant decides to invite a reference to submit a letter on their behalf. Applicant fills out name and job title of reference in WTM Scholars application.
Step 2: Applicant sends an email to reference that includes a link to their personalized access link, which is available in their application.
Step 3: Applicant checks in on the [application overview page](#) to see a counter signaling how many letters of reference have been submitted.
Step 4: Applicant submits their application when ready - the letters of reference will be submitted separately and can happen before or after the main application is submitted.

Here are the steps for a reference to submit a letter:
Step 1: Confirm with the applicant the deadline + application program to submit for.
Step 2: Request the application 'reference access link' if it hasn't been sent already. This access link is personalized with the applicant's name and the application program in the body of the text.
Step 3: Write the letter of reference and please include your contact information in the letter. This will be used for verification purposes.
Step 4: Using the access link mentioned in Step 2, upload the letter of reference as a PDF. Verify you are submitting for the correct individual + program prior to submitting by reading the body of the page - the user's name + program will be included. Note the maximum file size for submission is 32 MB.

FAQ for students

Q: Where can I find my personalized access link?
A: Visit Step 5: Letters of Reference on your application landing page and copy the link. Note that your access link contains your first name and program application name for verification purposes.

Q: Can I re-use my access link to invite another reference?
A: Yes, you can re-use your access link to invite multiple references as needed. The link does not expire and is tied to your specific name and application. One letter of reference is required for the application but you are welcome to include up to two with your application if you think this would add additional information about your qualifications.

Q: How can I check that my letter has been received?
A: You can check whether your reference has submitted their letter by logging into your [applicant submission homepage](#).

Q: Who should I ask to write a letter of reference?
A: Your letter of reference should come from a professor, instructor, adviser, or supervisor.

Q: What constitutes a good letter of reference?

A: A good letter of reference highlights your academics, technical experience, leadership and/or contributions to your community.

FAQ for references

Q: Are there file/size limits to a letter of reference?
A: Yes. Please submit the letter in PDF format, and note that the max file size is 32 MB.

Q: Will I receive an email confirmation to verify that my letter was successfully received?
A: No, your confirmation will immediately follow your submission. The page will say "Thanks for submitting your letter of reference! This is your confirmation that your letter of reference was received."

Q: How will my letter of reference be used, and who will have access to it?
A: Your submitted letter of reference will be viewed only by a restricted group of Google reviewers, who will use the letter in conjunction with the rest of an application to assess the applicant's holistic qualifications for this program. The applicant does not have access to view your letter.

Q: What should I do if I submitted the wrong file?
A: Please email WTMScholars@google.com

Q: What should I do if I missed the deadline for submission?
A: Please email WTMScholars@google.com

General Questions and Resources

Q: When are the deadlines?
A: Students must submit their application by December 6, 2018 at 11:59 pm PT.
References must submit their letter by December 6, 2018 at 11:59 pm PT.

Q: Can I save my application for later?
A: Yes.

Q: Can I update my application after I submit it?
A: Yes, you can update your application at any time up until the deadline.

Q: I just started a new degree so I don't have a GPA yet. What should I enter?
A: Please enter the GPA of your most recently completed degree/diploma.

Q: Will I receive a confirmation email that my application was submitted?
A: No. You can log into to the application tool at any time to check the status of your application. If it says "Submitted" in the left column, we have received your application.

Q: I am a high school senior. Can I apply?
A: The Women Techmakers Scholars Program is for current university students, so unfortunately current high school seniors cannot apply. We encourage you to apply next fall and also keep an eye out for Google's pre college programs and scholarships that will be announced in January 2019 on the Google Student Blog.

If you have any specific questions, please email WTMScholars@google.com.
If you are a student in the Europe, Middle East or Africa, please apply for our EMEA program.
If you are a student in the Asia Pacific region, applications will open in early 2019.