

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## AAUW Los Gatos-Saratoga Local Scholarship

for a West Valley College Woman majoring in  
Science, Mathematics, or a related STEM field

All \$3,000 scholarships this year will be awarded in memory of the  
champion for gender equality,  
Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Deadline: 11:59 p.m.  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021

Please return completed application via email to West Valley  
College Financial Aid Office:

[vvfa@westvalley.edu](mailto:vvfa@westvalley.edu)

Questions??? Contact:

Marilyn Fuller, Chair, AAUW Local Scholarship Committee  
Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch – (408) 679-1167  
Email: [mdfuller1@aol.com](mailto:mdfuller1@aol.com)

AAUW SCHOLARSHIP - GENERAL INFORMATION

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch is offering scholarships to West Valley College women students who are majoring in mathematics, science, or a related field\* and who are planning to transfer to a four-year college or university in the fall of 2021 or spring of 2022. Proof of four-year college or university acceptance is desirable. The amount of the scholarship will be \$3,000. Proof of enrollment will be required in order to receive the scholarship funds. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for your course of education.

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage women to pursue careers in mathematics, sciences or a related field\*. Selection of the recipients is based on academic achievement and commitment, goals, leadership, community service, and need.

\*Examples of related fields would include: medicine, nursing, physical therapy, computer science, engineering, environmental science, etc.

STUDENT RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize release of any relevant information (application information, transcripts, and references) as required by the AAUW Scholarship Selection Committee. I certify all information provided here to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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

The application must be complete upon submission on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 11:59 pm.

Use this CHECK LIST to be sure that your application is complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Completed application, including this page with your signature
- Three (3) personal statements
- Two (2) recommendations (These should be sent by the recommenders to Financial Aid Office, in the Student Services Center, West Valley College).
- Names of recommenders: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- Copies of grade reports or transcripts for work completed at all colleges attended including West Valley College

Those selected for the scholarships will be notified by March 31, 2021.

AAUW LOS GATOS - SARATOGA LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Career Goal \_\_\_\_\_

WVC G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicants should have a minimum 2.7 G.P.A. to be considered)

Total number of units completed at WVC as of January 2021: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicants must have completed at least 12 units at WVC)

Units completed at other colleges/universities: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of units for all completed college work \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College or University you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Semester or date when you plan to transfer:

\_\_\_\_\_  Fall 2021  Spring 2022

Have you applied for admission to the transfer school you named above? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If not, when will you apply? \_\_\_\_\_

Transfer Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit grade reports or copies of transcripts for work completed at ALL colleges or universities including West Valley College.

Completion of all lower division major courses and general education certification are not necessarily required for transfer or for this scholarship. However, the AAUW Local Scholarship Committee would like to know your academic progress toward transfer. Please refer to the WVC Schedule of Classes or the counseling office for GE information needed to complete the following sections.

Major

Please attach a copy of the curriculum guide for your major. On it, check off all the required lower division major courses you have completed at the end of Fall 2020. Which major classes are you enrolled in for Spring 2021? Which classes will remain to be completed after Spring 2021? Please indicate units earned and grades received for these courses.

Alternatively, you may use the form below:

Lower division major requirements that have been completed:

Course Title	Units	Grade	Course Title	Units	Grade
_____	____	____	_____	____	____
_____	____	____	_____	____	____
_____	____	____	_____	____	____
_____	____	____	_____	____	____

Educational background continued:                      Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lower division major requirements currently in progress (Winter 2020 and/or Spring 2021):

Course Title	Units	Course Title	Units
_____	____	_____	____
_____	____	_____	____
_____	____	_____	____

Lower division major requirements that will remain to be completed after Spring 2021:

Course Title	Units	Course Title	Units
_____	____	_____	____
_____	____	_____	____
_____	____	_____	____

Please place an "X" in front of the courses listed above that you plan to complete before transfer.

## General Education (GE)

What General Education pattern have you been following?

CSU \_\_\_\_\_ IGETC \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_ (Please name \_\_\_\_\_)

Please attach a copy of your full or partial GE certification, or attach a list that shows the areas of general education requirements, your completed GE courses with corresponding units in these areas. See WVC Schedule of Classes or GE sheets as needed (available in the WVC counseling area).

- a. How many total lower division GE units have you completed? \_\_\_\_\_  
b. How many total lower division GE units remain to be taken? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list course titles and number of GE units in which you are currently enrolled (Winter 2020 and/or Spring 2021):

Course Title	Units	Course Title	Units
_____	____	_____	____
_____	____	_____	____

## Summary of work yet to be completed toward major and GE requirements:

Total number of units in which you are currently enrolled (Winter 2020 and/or Spring 2021) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all additional courses (major and GE) and units you plan to complete before you transfer. Do not include classes you are currently enrolled in.

Course Title	Units	Course Title	Units
_____	____	_____	____
_____	____	_____	____
_____	____	_____	____

## PERSONAL STATEMENTS

Please type, or neatly print, a statement on a separate page for each Question below.

Your personal statements are a ***very important*** part of this scholarship application. It is in your best interest to provide thoughtful and thorough responses to each of the 3 listed topics. Please limit your responses to no more than one page on each topic.

1. How does your interest in and selection of a major in mathematics or science relate to your career or life goals? What courses have been the most significant for you and why?
2. Describe activities outside the classroom that have contributed to your personal growth. Examples might include employment, family responsibilities, club memberships, or community service. Include any leadership responsibilities and any recognition you have received for those efforts.
3. Why do you feel you should be selected for this scholarship? How will this scholarship assist you in reaching your career goals? Describe any barriers, obstacles or experiences you, as a woman, have encountered in pursuit of your goals.

## LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS

This scholarship is awarded to a woman preparing for a career in mathematics, science, or a related field on the basis of academic achievement and commitment, leadership, community service, and need. It is intended to provide tangible encouragement and public recognition to a deserving student.

TO THE APPLICANT: Please ask someone who knows you well to complete the form. It is suggested that at least one recommendation be from an instructor in the department of your major.

Give the persons writing the recommendation a copy of the LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION form. (Two copies are included in this application)

PLEASE SUBMIT ONLY 2 RECOMMENDATIONS.

TO THE RECOMMENDER: Please be specific regarding your knowledge of the applicant. The form provides both a rating chart and an opportunity to provide additional comments that would give us important insight regarding the applicant.

SUBMIT TO:

The recommender should submit the completed Scholarship Recommendation form via email to the Financial Aid Office: [wvfa@westvalley.edu](mailto:wvfa@westvalley.edu)

by Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.

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 Majoring in Mathematics, Science or Related Field

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the applicant in the following areas:

Place a check mark below for each area listed:

	Average	Above Average	Outstanding	No Information
Ability				
Academic Achievement				
Leadership				
Community and/or School Service				
Employment Record				

Your comments are important. You may elaborate on your rankings below. Additional information regarding the applicant's character traits and qualities is helpful. If you need additional space, please attach an additional page or letter.

Recommender's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/email address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_