

**GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ILLINOIS**  
**Scholarship Application 2024**



**GFWC Mission Statement:**

GFWC is a philanthropic organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. This year, GFWC Illinois will award scholarships to students pursuing arts, drama, education, music, and vocational studies.

**Scholarship Eligibility:**

- Pursuing a related major or minor in the selected field of study listed above.
- Must attend a community college, college, university, or vocational school physically located in the state of Illinois during the Fall 2024 semester.
- Must be a graduating high school senior, current college/university/vocational student, and/or an adult returning to school.
- Must be a resident of the state of Illinois.

**Submission:**

**Applications must be mailed in one sealed envelope, postmarked by **APRIL 1, 2024**.  
Materials that are late or incomplete will not be accepted.**

Gina Fritz  
Attn: GFWC Scholarship Committee  
1613 Barton Drive, Normal, IL 61761

**Disqualification:**

- Failure to meet eligibility requirements
- Late or incomplete application
- Letters of recommendation from family or friends

**Award Notification:**

Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee. The minimum award is \$1,500. Scholarship winners will be notified by June 15<sup>th</sup> via email and postal mail. Winners will be posted on the GFWC Illinois Website.

If selected to receive a scholarship, the student will be required to show a letter of acceptance from the school the student will attend in the Fall, 2024 semester. Checks will be mailed and written directly to the college, university, or vocational school.

**Questions:**

Please email [GFWCscholarshipsIL@aol.com](mailto:GFWCscholarshipsIL@aol.com) with questions.

Communication will only occur between the scholarship committee and the applicant.

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**2024 Arthur Grant Smith DRAMA Scholarship Application (minimum \$1,500 award)**

**Applications must be mailed in one sealed envelope, postmarked by **APRIL 1, 2024**.**

**Examples of degrees include but are not limited to: acting, design, directing, playwriting, and stage management.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date (college, university, vocational school): \_\_\_\_\_

School you will attend in Fall Semester 2024: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

**If current college/university/vocational student:** Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Items: the following MUST be included in the application packet**

1. Resume with dates of participation. Include the following:
  - a. Extracurricular activities
  - b. Volunteer activities
  - c. Leadership positions
  - d. Detailed drama/theater background: performances, auditions, private lessons, courses, etc.
2. What are your ambitions and goals for the next 5 years? (250 word maximum)
3. GFWC is a service organization. What does service and volunteering mean to you?  
How do you demonstrate your commitment to service? (250 word maximum)
4. Transcripts: high school (include ACT/SAT scores if taken), college/university/vocational transcripts
5. Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, coach, advisor, boss, or other professional source
  - a. Recommendations from family or friends will disqualify the applicant
6. Acting: digital copies (flash drive) of 3 performances, not to exceed a total of 15 minutes. Solo performances are preferred. Include the show and character names.
7. If not acting: include 3 descriptions and images of theater involvement, set creations, playwriting, etc. Include the show and character names as applicable.

**NOTE: Materials submitted with the application will NOT be returned.**

I attest the application materials are my own and I accept the terms of the scholarship application:

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_