



WithIt Scholarship Program Application

The WithIt Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that we will be offering scholarships to women who are pursuing majors that apply to the home industries in varying amounts between \$1,500-\$3,500. Our scholarships also includes the opportunity to attend the WithIt Professional Conference in Charleston, South Carolina June 25-27, 2018 for additional mentoring, networking and opportunity building.

ELIGIBILITY: The applicant must be a full time college sophomore or junior in good standing at the time of application. Scholarship funds must be used for tuition at an accredited institution of higher learning by the date stated with the scholarship. Student must have a major in one of the following as it applies to the home industries: Accessory Design, Architectural Design, Forestry, Furniture Design, Textile Design, Graphic Design, Interior Architecture, Marketing with a Design or Furniture minor, Sustainable Design or majors related to the home and furnishing industries.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Only one application should be submitted per student. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

All submissions should include the following:

1. A complete application form **signed** by the student.
2. An official school transcript indicating the student's grade point average and the student's class rank. Must be sent by the school or student's faculty advisor.
3. An SAT/ACT transcript provided by the high school guidance office or the university.
4. Three letters of recommendation – two from instructors and one personal one.
5. A 300-500 word essay on why you are a candidate for a career in home furnishings and how you would contribute.
6. High resolution photo of the candidate. (plain background)
7. **The address of the Bursar for release of the check should the student receive the scholarship.**

These materials should be sent to:

Mail Address:

**WITHIT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
PO Box 16264
High Point, NC 27261**

Shipping Address:

**WITHIT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
2125 Eastchester Drive, Suite 103
High Point, NC 27265**

SELECTION PROCESS:

Judging will be based on the student's academic performance, as reflected by the grade point average, SAT/ACT scores and curriculum selected. Subjective judging criteria will include essays, references and statement of personal goals. Additional emphasis will be placed on involvement in extracurricular activities and the community. Financial need may be considered. The selection committee will consist of a panel of three individuals chosen by the scholarship committee and approved by WithIt's Executive Committee. Preferences will not be given to children of industry members.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

The complete application must be postmarked no later than February 28, 2018.

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WithIt Scholarship - Applicant References Form

Applicant's Name: _____ Date: _____

The above named student is applying for the **WithIt Scholarship**. The scholarship is for students pursuing a career in the home furnishings industry. Each applicant must submit a letter of recommendation from a person knowledgeable of the student's academic work, personal character, and extracurricular activities. Please complete the questionnaire below and add any appropriate comments or attach an additional letter. **Deadline February 28, 2017.**

1. How involved is the student in classroom activities and discussion?

- _____ Always involved, exhibits enthusiasm
- _____ Active, usually shows interest and contributes.
- _____ Somewhat involved and attentive, occasionally participates.
- _____ Shows little or no interest
- _____ Not Applicable

2. How does the student perform academically?

- _____ Superior, masters all concepts/undertakes independent study
- _____ Good, shows a strong working knowledge of the field
- _____ Average, understands the material involved most of the time
- _____ Less than Average, no evidence of accomplishments
- _____ Not Applicable

3. How would you describe the applicant's attitude?

- _____ Enthusiastic - challenges herself/himself and others
- _____ Usually active and works to improve
- _____ Sometimes pushes to improve
- _____ Somewhat lackadaisical, only occasionally pushes
- _____ Unconcerned, does not work on improvement

4. How much personal responsibility does the applicant accept?

- _____ Always accepts fully and is accountable
- _____ Usually accepts fully and is accountable
- _____ Partially accepts fully and is accountable
- _____ Sometimes refuses
- _____ Often refuses

5. Does the applicant show consideration for others?

- _____ Always considers other
- _____ Usually considers other
- _____ Little consideration for others
- _____ Sometimes inconsiderate
- _____ Often Inconsiderate

6. Is the applicant a creative/thought leader in this field of study?

- _____ Outstanding
- _____ Normal
- _____ Average
- _____ Unconcerned

7. Would you hire this student compared to other student applicants?

- _____ First pick
- _____ Definitely in the running
- _____ Would Consider
- _____ After experienced

8. Please rate the student's critical thinking skills.

- _____ Superior
- _____ Good
- _____ Average
- _____ Learning

9. How long have you known the student?

- _____ 1 Year
- _____ 2 Years
- _____ 3 Years
- _____ 4+ Years

10. Can the applicant easily adapt when needed on projects?

- _____ Superior
- _____ Good
- _____ Average
- _____ Learning

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