

# SOUTHERN UNION WOMEN'S MINISTRIES (SUWM)

## *Emerging Women Leaders Scholarship Award Application*



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### APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS:

The Southern Union Women's Ministries Department recognizes the outstanding achievements of collegiate Adventist women in the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as leaders who have made a significant and positive impact on their peer group through their influence and community outreach activities and initiatives. Our mission of supporting and encouraging women in their Christian leadership journey is a biblical construct. Mary and Elizabeth, Ruth and Naomi, Deborah and Jael, older and younger women are examples of women who supported and encouraged one another.

**Purpose:** This scholarship is a tangible recognition of the leadership activities of Adventist women. The purpose is to publicize these leadership stories and provide financial scholarships to support the work of outstanding collegiate women leaders.

**Recognition:** Through an application process, leader will be selected annually from each of the three Seventh-day Adventist universities within the Southern Union. These recognized leaders will be featured at events and in publications of their campus, and the Southern Union, and beyond.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** Applications are being accepted for the "Emerging Women Leaders Scholarship" for women who are active members of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Applicants must be enrolled in one of the designated institutions of higher learning; AdventHealth University, Oakwood University or Southern Adventist University, to be considered as a recipient of this scholarship. Three recipients will be awarded a \$1,000 monetary award to be applied to tuition, books and/or meals upon the final decision of the Applications Review Board.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT:** To apply for this scholarship, use the directions below to complete and submit the application to the Women's Ministries director at the Conference where you hold membership. The application must be received by the deadline of September 15. **(See attached list of Conference directors of Women's Ministries within the Southern Union and their addresses).**

#### 1. COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

- Application must be received by September 15.
- Answer all questions.
- Complete application in English.
- Type or print clearly. Illegible/unreadable applications will not be considered.
- Omission of any part of the application sections and/or required documentation will result in the disqualification for scholarship consideration.
- Submit all supporting documents with the Application: (1) Transcript (2) Names and requested information of those writing your letters of recommendation
- Three Letters of Recommendation must be mailed by the person making the recommendation directly to the Women's Ministries director of your conference.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Must be a current member in good and regular standing in a local church within the Southern Union Conference. (See List of Conference directors' addresses)
- Must be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate program at one of the following three.
- institutions for higher education: Oakwood University, Southern Adventist University, or AdventHealth University.
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 on the most recent transcript from your high school or university listed above. Only official transcripts in a sealed envelope from the university will be accepted.
- Must maintain moral and ethical standards that would be exemplary of the life of Christ.
- Must have three letters of recommendation including one from the campus chaplain .
- Must be engaged in community.
- Must demonstrate how leadership responsibility has impacted the applicant's peers.

## 3. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Obtain **three** letters of recommendation from non-relatives who are officials representing schools, church, and/ or employer including one from the campus chaplain. Choose individuals who can comment on student's leadership abilities and potential, citing leadership and academic activities involvement, the influence on peers as well as the confidential observations, negative as well as positive, on the student's character, integrity, generosity of spirit and commitment to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Citing the impact the student's leadership has made will assist the committee reaching their decision. Each individual must complete the letter of recommendation using the guidelines indicated and send it directly to the Conference Women Ministries director.

Letters of recommendation included in your application will not be accepted.

## 4. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Request your official transcript from your high school, if you are a first semester freshmen or the university you are currently attending or have attended. Include sealed transcript with your application or request it to be sent directly to your Conference Women's Ministries director. **(See attached list of Conference directors and their mailing addresses)**. Unsealed or tampered transcript seals will not be accepted

## 5. MAILING YOUR APPLICATION

Mail completed application and sealed official transcripts to your Conference Women's Ministries director so that it reaches her no later than September 15.

## 6. SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS

Recipients are scheduled to be notified in November of the Fall academic year. Scholarship check will be made payable to the institution and sent to the Financial Aid Office for disbursement. Scholarship awards can **ONLY** be used for tuition, books and meal plan.

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(Please type your answers if possible.) Send this completed application with your most recent transcript to the Conference Women's Ministries director before the deadline date (see cover page). If you need extra space to answer any question, write on a separate sheet of paper.

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FAMILY NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS  
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4. \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME CHURCH (CHURCH NAME, CITY, STATE, WEBSITE ADDRESS)  
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6. \_\_\_\_\_  
CONFERENCE

7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BAPTISM BIRTH DATE

9. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_  
MARITAL STATUS YOUR MAJOR AREA(S) OF STUDY

11. \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF ADVENTIST SCHOOL YOU ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN

12. ARE YOU A PART-TIME  OR FULL-TIME  STUDENT? 13. \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER OF CREDIT HRS ENROLLED THIS YEAR

14. CLASSIFICATION: FRESHMAN:  SOPHOMORE:  JUNIOR:  SENIOR:

15. \_\_\_\_\_  
HOW MANY YEARS OF FULL-TIME SCHOOL WORK DO YOU NEED TO GRADUATE?

16. LIST YOUR HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE EDUCATION TO DATE.  
START WITH YOUR MOST RECENT EDUCATION, AND LIST IN ORDER.

SCHOOL AND CITY

FROM (MONTH/YEAR) TO (MONTH/YEAR)

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17. List any campus, community or church projects or programs in which you are or have been involved, and explain your leadership role and how your involvement impacted the outcome.

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18. If you were to use a Bible story for this initiative of support and encouraging women, what story would you use? Why?

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19. How can your leadership skills assist in making a positive influence for supporting and encouraging women on your campus?

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20. How can the institution and church make the greatest positive impact on the female population? (mentoring program, leadership recognition, Young women conference discussing various issues)

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21. I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the following conditions for acceptance of the Emerging Women Leaders Scholarship Award from the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Women's Ministries Department to attend (school) \_\_\_\_\_ for the school year \_\_\_\_\_.

**SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT**

1. I promise to uphold the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church through my speech and behavior, and to work for the soon coming of Christ.
2. I will maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.75
3. I promise to seek opportunities to use my leadership skills, talents and abilities to serve God and humanity in my church, school and community.
4. I will provide a written report of my school progress, community outreach and leadership-related activities to the Conference Women's Ministries Director as an instrument to be used to determine leadership training, mentoring and information for statistical data.
5. I understand that this scholarship will not cover all my tuition needs. It is ONLY to be used toward my tuition, books and meals. It is not a loan; however, if used for any other purpose, I must return the full amount awarded.
6. I understand that there is no guarantee of church employment upon completion of my education.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list information on the three persons who you have selected to write your letter of recommendation. These individuals should be able to speak to your impact on your peer group and community, and your moral and ethical character and your church status. One individual should be the chaplain.

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HOME ADDRESS:

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EMAIL:

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HOME PHONE:

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JOB TITLE:

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EMPLOYER:

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SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_