

WOMEN WRITING FOR (A) CHANGE FOUNDATION

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SCHOLARSHIP POLICY FOR WOMEN

The purpose of the WWf(a)C scholarship program is to reduce financial barriers that prevent women and girls from participating in the WWf(a)C community of writers, particularly as these barriers relate to race, culture, class and age. Women are eligible to receive partial scholarships to Women Writing for (a) Change semester courses and retreats for up to a total of four semesters, based on the applicant's financial need and her commitment to "being present" throughout the semester, including regular attendance. Scholarships are also available for WWf(a)C retreat programs.

SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS FOR WOMEN

Women wishing to receive a tuition subsidy scholarship are requested to complete the application on the reverse of this page and return it with the requested documentation, registration and deposit. The deposit will be returned if the scholarship cannot be granted. There are two categories of scholarships, those for women whose gross income falls below 200% of poverty and those for women whose income is higher but who articulate extenuating circumstances.

Women whose income is below 200% of poverty are eligible for a **50% scholarship** for a maximum of four semesters. A **one-time 100% scholarship** will be considered upon request and granted at the discretion of Women Writing for (a) Change. Women should provide proof of annual income and any other documentation which might help us understand the financial need.

Women whose income is higher than 200% of poverty but who articulate extenuating circumstances are eligible for scholarships equaling **50% of full tuition during the first two semesters** of receiving a scholarship and for scholarships equaling **25% of full tuition during semesters three and four**. Women should provide proof of annual income and any other documentation which might help us understand the financial need.

Scholarship requests are considered each semester in the order received. **Scholarships are granted for one semester only**. Second semester applications from eligible women are given priority over new applications; third and fourth semester applications are considered in the order received. Documentation must be provided with each application. The receipt of a scholarship in one semester does not guarantee a scholarship for the next. If we cannot fund all applications within a given semester we attempt to distribute funds to assist those women in the greatest financial need. Our priority is to assist women who could not attend without financial help.

Retreat program scholarships are considered separately using the same eligibility standards. Women who have received semester scholarships may also apply for retreat scholarships. Retreats do not count toward the four semester maximum.

Financial Guidelines (200% of US Poverty Guidelines)

Family Size	Annual Gross Income
1	\$18,620
2	\$24,980
3	\$31,340
4	\$37,700
5	\$44,060
6	\$50,420

Date: _____

**Women Writing for (a) Change Foundation
Scholarship Request Form
Women's Programs**

Name _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

: _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ FAX _____

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply please complete this application form and return to us with the requested attachments. **See WWf(a)C brochures for dates, times and cost of programs.**

Please check the category of your application below

_____ 1st Scholarship Semester

_____ 3rd Scholarship Semester

_____ 2nd Scholarship Semester

_____ 4th Scholarship Semester

_____ Retreat Program

What is your (or your family's) size and annual income? _____

Please attach documentation. (Tax return, pay stub, letter from employer or similar document. If you cannot provide documentation, please explain why.)

On a separate piece of paper, Please answer the following questions.

Why do you wish to attend a WWf(a)C semester class? How do you hope this class will benefit you as a writer, and what will you bring to this community of writers? What talents or other work might you contribute to the WWf(a)C Community in exchange? If you foresee barriers to your regular attendance, how do you intend to overcome them? Do you have special financial circumstances we should consider in regard to you application? Specifically, (1) if your family's income is above 200%, please speak to any extenuating circumstances OR (2) if you are requesting a one-time 100% scholarship please explain why OR if you cannot provide documentation of income please explain why.

Please return this application form with the following:

_____ A completed registration form (in program brochure)

_____ \$25 deposit

_____ Written responses to questions above

_____ Documentation of income

Return to: Women Writing for (a) Change Foundation
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Questions? Call 513/272-1171 x1