



# Institute for Women GRADUATE GRANT

The Institute for Women at West Chester University of Pennsylvania offers an annual grant of \$750 to a woman graduate student who is accepted into a master's degree program at West Chester University. The award is based on high academic achievement, evidence of potential for contribution to the applicant's field of study, a record of leadership in school, community, church, or other setting, and evidence of involvement in giving service to others.

Applicants must submit all materials no later than **March 15** to be considered for the proceeding academic year's grant. To be eligible for the award, the recipient must register for a minimum of six graduate credits during the Fall and Spring semester of the proceeding academic year. The grant will be disbursed as a check payable to the graduate student once the fall semester has begun.

## **The following documents are required to complete your application:**

1. A completed Institute for Women Application Form for a Graduate Grant, including a brief statement of past activities and intended goals as they relate to:
  - 1.) high academic achievement;
  - 2.) potential for contribution to their field of study
  - 3.) leadership in school, church, community, and or other activities; and
  - 4.) commitment to give service to others
2. Two recommendations (forms provided) from persons most qualified to judge your academic potential.

Recent college graduates must include one reference from a professor who is familiar with their academic work.

Applicants who completed their undergraduate work more than five years ago may substitute a second community reference as evidence of their academic and leadership potential.
3. Any additional material you feel will substantiate your achievements and commitment to a specific program of study.

No application can be considered until the candidate has submitted all admission credentials to the Office of Graduate Studies, West Chester University. Duplicate materials may be copied for grant consideration. Only applicants who qualify for and accept admission to a graduate program at West Chester University are eligible for this award.

An award decision will be made by April 15. The recipient will be asked to provide a black and white photo for public relations purposes.

Application and reference forms may be obtained from the Office of Graduate Studies in McKelvie Hall.



West Chester University Institute for Women Graduate Grants are intended for women who have:

1) a record of high academic achievement; 2) a potential for contribution to their field of study; 3) a record of leadership in school, church, community, and/or other activities; 4) a commitment to give service to others.

Please provide a brief statement on this page, and or an attached page(s), indicating how you meet these qualifications.

Please organize your statement under the following headings.

1. High Academic Achievement
2. Potential for Contribution to Your Field of Study
3. Leadership in School, Church, Community, and/or Other Activities
4. Commitment to Give Service to Others

My graduate field of study at West Chester University is/will be \_\_\_\_\_.



# Reference for Applicant

## Institute for Women Graduate Grant

The person named below has applied for an Institute for Women Graduate Grant. These grants are intended for academically outstanding students who also have a record of leadership and service to others. Your comments about the applicant's qualifications against these criteria are respectfully requested.

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Evaluator's Signature

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Date

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Evaluator's Name (Type or Print)

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Evaluator's Position or Title

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Evaluator's Employer

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Evaluator's Telephone No.



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