



InnovateHer Scholarship

Award

\$10,000 (\$2,500 will be distributed each semester)

Deadline

Sunday, June 14th 2026 11:59pm

Who can Apply?

Open to undergraduate women (Sophomores and Juniors ONLY) in STEM fields or health sciences which have the potential to improve human health. Examples include fields such as, but not limited to, Biology, Chemistry, PreMed, Microbiology, Genetics, Cell and Molecular Biology, Biomedical Engineering, and/or Public Health.

Application Requirements

- Candidates must be enrolled as a sophomore or junior student at an accredited university or college.
- A cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 is required, or the candidate must present evidence of strong academic performance.
- Both residence and academic enrollment must be in the state of Texas at an accredited college or university.

Winners will be announced publicly at our Rockin' Resiliency Luncheon on **November 13, 2026**.

Any questions can be directed at 713-623-6543 or scholarships@thewomensfund.org



Essay Prompt

The Women's Fund believes that investing in the future leaders in women and girls' health and resiliency creates stronger communities and a more equitable future. As a young woman pursuing a professional career in various health sciences and STEM fields with the goal of impacting human health, please describe how you envision your education and career contributing to health, resiliency, and well-being — whether in your community or in the world?

In your response, feel free to share personal experiences, challenges you've overcome, your passion for your field, in addition to your vision for how we can create healthier and more resilient societies for women.

Word count

1,000 minimum – 2,000 maximum

Scoring

- Clarity and the ability to stay on topic, answering the Essay Prompt thoroughly.
- Correct grammar and punctuation (essays with more than five errors will be disqualified).
- Proper citations and use of Modern Language Association (MLA) Style 9th edition. (view link in guidelines for MLA formatting).
- The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is NOT permitted. AI checker will be used. Any AI detected will result in automatic disqualification.
- The ability to follow all other essay guidelines and instructions.

Guidelines

- One essay per participant.
- Essay must be typed and must be a DOCX or PDF.
- Essay must be doubled-spaced with a minimum of 1,000 and maximum of 2,000 words.



- For more information on MLA Style 9th Edition visit https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_general_format.html
- Essay must be written from a first-person point of view.
- No personal information should be included in the narrative of your essay.
 - Example: Name, School Name, family members name, etc.
- College course enrollment must be equal to 12 credit hours or more (full-time).
- To be eligible to apply, candidates must be enrolled as a Sophomore or incoming Junior level at an accredited university or college.
 - Must have completed 30–59 credit hours, qualifying them for sophomore standing, or be entering sophomore status based on their institution’s academic classification at the time of application.
- Both residence and academic enrollment must be in the state of Texas at an accredited college or university.
- A cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 is required, or the candidate must present evidence of strong academic performance.
- Scholarship recipient must collect award consecutively in the 2026-2028 year of college, beginning in Fall 2026 – Spring 2028 (\$2,500 will be awarded each semester).
- Selected winner must agree to submit all required school and enrollment information in a timely manner to ensure proper disbursement of scholarship funds.
- By entering, participants agree that the winning essays become the property of The Women’s Fund and may be used, quoted, or published, in whole or in part, at our discretion.
- Applications must be submitted online and cannot be mailed in for submissions.