

VIP Women in Technology Scholarship Program



The VIP Women in Technology Scholarship (WITS) program is sponsored by Visionary Integration Professionals (VIP), a leading provider of technology solutions that drive enterprise performance. The WITS program is made available annually to women across the United States. This application can also be found on our website at: <https://trustvip.com/company/vip-cares/>

- **Eligibility:** At the time of award, students must be enrolled at, or accepted into, either a two or four-year college or university within the United States for the 2021 – 2022 school year. At the time of scholarship payment, students must be enrolled for classes at a college or university within the United States for the Fall 2021 semester. These women must be planning a career in computer science, information technology, management information systems, or related field.
- **Awards:** The 2021 WITS Program will grant multiple scholarship awards that value up to \$2,500.00 per recipient.
- **Evaluation Criteria:** The scholarship is based on three important criteria
 - A cumulative 3.0 grade point average or higher
 - Thoughtful answer to the essay question
 - Level of participation in community service and/or extracurricular activities
- **Application Instructions:** After reviewing the application on page 2 of this document, please provide the requested information. If submitting via email, please use PDF or Word formats only. Failure to submit all requested information will result in disqualification. Please include the following items:
 - Personal Information (page 2 of this document)
 - Unofficial Transcripts
 - Response to Essay question
 - Applicant Summary
 - Community Service/ Extracurricular Activities
- **Deadline:** All applications must be emailed to WITS@trustvip.com or postmarked by **March 31st, 2021**. All applications received after this deadline will not be accepted. If mailing your application, please use the following address.

Visionary Integration Professionals
Attn: WITS Program
80 Iron Point Circle, Suite 100
Folsom, CA 95630

2021 WITS Application

Please provide the following information:

Name:
Mailing Address:
City, State, Zip code:
Phone Number:
Email:
Current or Intended College or University:
Level Currently Enrolled in: High School, College, or Graduate Program?
Current or Intended Major:
Link to Major Program Course Requirements:
How Did You Hear About WITS?

Transcripts: Please provide a copy of your unofficial high school and/or college transcripts.

- **Essay Question:** In 1500 words or less, please describe your educational path and where you see yourself in 10 years. How will you use your degree to make an impact in your chosen Information Technology field? Please provide a specific and comprehensive response. Responses to the essay topic should not be based upon impacts of social media on society or access to Information Technology/Computer Science educational programs. Responses of this nature will be disqualified.
- **Applicant Summary:** Please include a short (200-500 words) personal statement expressing how your experiences – academics, extracurricular activities, work or internship opportunities – are shaping your educational and career goals.
- **Community Service and Extracurricular Activities:** For each one of your community services, volunteering, and extracurricular activities, please provide pertinent information related to your involvement such as role and responsibilities, duration of participation, leadership position(s) held, etc.
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WITS 2021 FAQs

What are the eligibility requirements for the WITS scholarship?

- Female, college bound student (must be enrolled or accepted at a two or four-year university or college at the time of award)
- Must be a computer science, information systems, business information management, or other IT- related major
- 3.0 or above cumulative GPA
- Include the required documentation detailed on the application page:
 - Completed application page
 - Essay
 - Unofficial transcripts
 - Community service/extracurricular activities
 - Applicant summary

How do I apply?

Download our 2021 application from our website (trustvip.com) or request it via email at WITS@trustvip.com. Applications can be submitted via email to WITS@trustvip.com or by mail to:

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All applications must be received via email by midnight, Pacific Time, March 31st, 2021 or postmarked by March 31st, 2021 to be eligible.

When will the 2021 WITS Scholarships be awarded?

Award winners will be notified of their award no later than May 15th, 2021. Scholarship award will be made payable to your school's Office of Financial Aid prior to the start of classes for the Fall 2021 semester.

What formats should I use?

PDF and Word (.doc) only. No image files (.jpg, .png, .tif) .pages or other formats will be opened. If received, they will be considered ineligible.

Can I send my application materials via Google or Dropbox?

Due to security reasons, we are unable to open any links (example: Dropbox, Google Drive). Any application received via link will be considered ineligible and deleted. This also applies to Parchment and any other document transfer services.

Please send your completed application materials (Word or PDF) to WITS@trustvip.com by the due date for consideration.

What is the period of interest for community service/extracurricular activity hours?

There is no requirement for community service/extracurricular hours. We are looking for leadership skills, creativity and initiative in this section. Feel free to use as many or as little activities as you see fit.

Do I need to use APA, MLA, or another format for my essay?

No.

Is my major eligible?

Check out our list of examples in this packet. Don't see it? Email us at WITS@trustvip.com with a link to your program's major course requirements.

Can I apply as an undecided major?

No. You must have a computer science, information technology, or other IT-related major to be considered eligible. Please see our list of majors in this packet.

What if computer science or information technology is my minor?

You must have a computer science, information technology, or other IT-related major to be considered eligible. See our list of suggested eligible/ineligible majors in this packet.

I am pursuing my masters/graduate degree. Can I apply?

Absolutely! Please designate your degree program in the application.

I'm returning to college after an extended break. Am I eligible?

As long as you meet the requirements (detailed on page 1 of this packet), your application is eligible.

Do I need to be currently enrolled?

No, but you must be accepted at your selected university at the time of award.

Is there an age restriction?

No.

Is this program open to non – U.S. Citizens who plan to attend college in the U.S.?

No. You must be a U.S. Citizen or Legal Resident to apply.

Does eligibility depend on income level?

No.

When will recipients be notified of their award?

Recipients will be notified by email no later than May 15th, 2024.

How can I contact you?

We're available during regular business hours Monday- Friday at WITS@trustvip.com. The WITS committee is not available to speak to applicants by phone



Is My Major Eligible?

Below are **examples** of eligible and ineligible majors for VIP's 2021 Women in Technology Scholarship (WITS) Program.

If you don't see your major and would like to confirm your eligibility, please send an email to WITS@trustvip.com with your intended/current major, your school, and a link to your school's major/coursework requirements.

ELIGIBLE

- Business Information Systems
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Networking
- Computer Programming
- Computer Science
- Cybersecurity
- Information Management & Systems
- Information Science
- Information Systems
- Information Systems Networking
- Management Information Systems
- Management Systems
- Software Engineering

INELIGIBLE

- Aerospace Engineering
- Applied Mathematics
- Big Data
- Bioinformatics
- Biology
- Biomedical Engineering
- Blockchain
- Business
- Business Analytics
- Chemical Engineering
- Computational Biology
- Computer Modeling
- Data Analytics
- Data Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Game Design
- Health Data Science
- Human Computer Interaction (HCI)
- Informatics
- Internet of Things
- Library and Information Science
- Machine Learning
- Mechanical Engineering
- Meteorology
- Physics
- Statistical Science
- Website Design

Women in Technology (WITS) Scholarship

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By submitting your application materials to this scholarship program, you accept and agree to be bound by the terms and provisions of this agreement. In addition, when applying to this program, you shall be subject to any posted guidelines or rules applicable to the program. Any participation (defined as submitting your scholarship materials to the WITS committee by mail or email) in this scholarship program will constitute acceptance of this agreement. By submitting your application (either by mail or email), you accept and agree to the following eligibility conditions:

- You are a female, college bound or enrolled student;
- You have a 3.0 GPA or higher;
- Your major is IT related; and
- You have submitted all application documents in the requested format

Privacy Policy

Visionary Integration Professionals and the Women in Technology Scholarship (WITS) committee believe privacy is very important. This statement sets forth the WITS privacy policy and describes the practices that we will follow with respect to the privacy of information of scholarship applicants. Please direct all privacy policy related questions to WITS@trustvip.com or write us at:

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Personal Information We Collect

In the course of the application process, we collect your personal information when you voluntarily provide it to us on the WITS application, including but not limited to your full name, address, phone number, email and transcripts.

How We Use Personal Information We Collect

Internal Uses

We may use your personal information within the WITS committee to do the following: (1) verify your enrollment; (2) announce the names and corresponding school of the scholarship recipients in a press release, and (3) process financial aid information to submit the award money to the current/intended school upon award. We will not use your personal information for any other reason.

All paper WITS documents are kept for one (1) year. After that time, documents are securely shredded.

Visionary Integration Professionals reserves the right to change these terms and conditions from time to time as it sees fit and in its sole discretion. If there are any changes to our eligibility or privacy policies, we will announce these changes have been made to all current applicants and/or recipients. VIP's full privacy policy can be found at <http://www.trustvip.com/privacy-statement/>. The WITS Committee follows this policy at all times.