



Women & Hi Tech  
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## 2020 Women & Hi Tech Leading Light Awards and Scholarship Gala Undergraduate and Graduate Student Scholarship Information

Women & Hi Tech exists to change the landscape of women represented in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and related Hi Tech fields to be equally inclusive to all. In support of this mission, at the 2020 Leading Light Awards and Scholarship Gala (LLA) - in honor of the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the Leading Light Awards - Women & Hi Tech will award at least \$20,000 in scholarships and grants to women in STEM in Indiana (#LLA20for20).

**We invite all passionate women, including diverse women, pursuing undergraduate or graduate STEM degrees in Indiana – and who intend to stay in Indiana upon graduation – to apply for scholarships at [womenandhitech.org](http://womenandhitech.org).**

**At least one award will be made to a high school senior planning to attend an undergraduate program in the 2020-2021 academic year.**

***Scholarship applications must be submitted no later than 5 pm EST on July 1, 2020.***

Please mark your calendars now! The 2020 Leading Light Awards and Scholarship Gala will be held at 5pm on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in downtown Indianapolis. This signature, biennial event by Women & Hi Tech focuses on celebrating Indiana women in STEM – women who are risk-takers, leaders, educators, mentors, and those who are changing our local STEM landscape. We look forward to an amazing evening of celebrating local women in STEM!

### **SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS WILL RECEIVE:**

- A scholarship to assist with tuition and educational expenses at an accredited 4-year college or university in Indiana in pursuit of an undergraduate or graduate degree. Funds are typically distributed directly to the college, university, or school to be applied to the winner's financial aid account. Due to the timing of the event, winners can expect the funds to apply to the winter or spring 2021 term.
  - Scholarship amounts will be determined by Women & Hi Tech at the time of award and will depend on the final amount donated by Women & Hi Tech



Sponsors, but typically are awarded in increments ranging from \$1,000-\$5,000. At least \$20,000 will be awarded in total.

- Tickets for the scholarship winner and one (1) guest to the 2020 Leading Light Awards and Scholarship Gala (a value of \$300).
- Recognition for winning the scholarship at the 2020 Leading Light Awards and Scholarship Gala.
- Complimentary one-year membership in Women & Hi Tech for 2021 (a value of \$100).
- Opportunities to create lifelong connections with Indiana, STEM, business, and community leaders.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- Applicants must be living in the state of Indiana and be either:
  - A high school senior during academic year 2019-2020 planning to attend an accredited 4-year college or university (full-time or part-time) in the state of Indiana in academic year 2020-2021; or
  - A high school graduate or undergraduate or graduate college student attending or planning to attend an accredited 4-year college or university (full-time or part-time) in the state of Indiana in academic year 2020-2021.
- For those pursuing other educational programs beyond high school (examples include community college, trade school, vocational school, and coding school), please use the application for Community College and Trade/Vocational/Coding School Student Scholarships.
- Applicants must be committed to living and working in Indiana for at least a year after graduation or leaving your studies. An affirmation of intent is required during the application process.
- Non-U.S. citizens are eligible if they fit into one of these categories, which allows them to live and work in Indiana:
  - They have a non-immigrant VISA also known as a “temporary worker” classification;
  - They have a permanent resident card also known as a “Green Card”;
  - They have an Employment Authorization Document also known as a “work permit”; or
  - They plan on applying for Optional Practical Training “OPT” upon graduation.
- Applicants should identify as female or with the pronouns: She/Her/Hers.
- Winners must be able to attend the Women & Hi Tech Leading Light Awards and Scholarship Gala on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in downtown Indianapolis.
- Scholarship applicants are NOT required to be a member of Women & Hi Tech, nor is their institution of higher education required to be a sponsor.
- Members of the Women & Hi Tech Board of Directors, the scholarship committee, and/or the selection committee, and relatives of these persons, are disqualified from receiving scholarships.
- If the scholarship(s) is funded by one major contributor, that contributor, and relatives of that contributor, are disqualified from receiving scholarships.

