

EWGA Foundation
***Women On Par*® Scholarship**

2017 APPLICATION



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General Information

About EWGA:

EWGA is a golf organization for current and aspiring business and professional women. The mission of the organization is connecting women to learn, play, and enjoy golf for business and for fun.

Established in 1991, EWGA is a Florida tax exempt 501(c)(6) corporation serving an international membership. This membership association delivers a wide range of golf, social and networking activities for new and experienced golfers to members at local Chapters throughout the United States and international chapters in Bermuda, Canada and Italy. EWGA is dedicated to empowering, enriching and energizing professional women through golf and seeks to provide timely, valued benefits and services to its members.

EWGA local Chapter activities typically include: an annual “kickoff” event; 2-3 major tournaments; weekly ‘after work’ 9-hole league play; business networking and social functions; weekend golf outings; golf rules and etiquette seminars; education programs; a Chapter Championship (the qualifying event for the EWGA Championship); charity fundraising events; and volunteer installation and recognition events.

For more information about EWGA, please visit our website at www.ewga.com.

About the EWGA Foundation:

Established in 2003, the EWGA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable tax exempt organization that, as a separate legal entity, is supported by the EWGA and funded through member contributions, donors and various fundraising activities. The EWGA Foundation exists to create and fund education and leadership programs for women of all ages, supported by these guiding principles:

The EWGA Foundation was formed to:

- ❑ Develop educational programs to improve women’s leadership abilities, self-esteem, and business skills through golf;
- ❑ Encourage and enable women to serve as mentors to other women and girls;
- ❑ Develop scholarship programs to allow girls and women to pursue educational opportunities; and
- ❑ Provide financial support and promote activities designed to support other charitable organizations whose mission supports that of the EWGA Foundation

About the *Women On Par®* Scholarship

The *Women On Par®* Scholarship was established in 2007 to provide financial assistance to “non-traditional” female students. This scholarship is intended for women, age 30 and older, who are attending a college or university for the first time or returning to school after an absence to complete their technical/vocational, Associates or Bachelors degree. The scholarship is designed to help these

women get “on par,” or get an equal footing with their peers, friends and other women who have had a chance to complete their college education.

One (1) \$1,000 *Women On Par*® scholarship and one (1) \$500 *Women On Par*® scholarship will be awarded in 2017.

Who is eligible?

Applicants and Recipients are not required to be current or former members of the EWGA; however, they must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- ❑ Be female.
- ❑ Be at least 30 years of age as of January 1, 2017.
- ❑ Be a U.S. or Canadian citizen, or legal resident of the U.S. or Canada.
- ❑ Pursuing a technical/vocational, Associates or Bachelors degree. Candidates must be first time applicants to school, or must be returning to school after an absence to complete a degree. *If you have already obtained a Bachelor’s degree, you are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.*
- ❑ Currently enrolled, or accepted to an accredited school, college or university.
- ❑ Exhibit a need for financial assistance.

Current and former EWGA members and their immediate family members are eligible to apply for a *Women On Par*® scholarship so long as the aforementioned eligibility requirements are met. Members of the EWGA Headquarters Staff, Association Board, Foundation Board and the EWGA Foundation Board Selection Committee and their immediate families are not eligible.

What is the Selection Process and Deadline?

The application process is a two-step process. Only the application form, including the personal essay, and validation of current enrollment in or acceptance to a school, are required to be submitted in the first phase of the application process. **Application forms and personal essays must be typed.** Handwritten forms will not be accepted. Applications will be accepted from January 1, 2017 through April 15, 2017, or until 200 applications are received, whichever occurs first. Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2017 to be considered. Only the first 200 applications will be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Once the first 200 applications have been received, a notice will be posted on the EWGA website and the application acceptance process will be closed.

The first phase of the selection process involves an initial screening of applications to ensure that the application has been completed in full, the personal essay has been provided, and all instructions have been followed by the applicant. Failure to complete all required sections of the application, attach the personal essay and follow instructions will result in disqualification of the application.

Applications that meet all of the submission requirements for the first phase of the process will then be reviewed by the Scholarship Selection Committee. The Scholarship Selection Committee is comprised of three (3) members of the EWGA Foundation Board of Directors and two (2) at-large EWGA members who are not members of the EWGA Foundation Board of Directors.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will select a pool of applicants to participate in the second phase of the application process. All initial applicants will be notified by email (or U.S. mail if the candidate does not have an email address) by May 15, 2017 concerning their status in the application process.

The applicants chosen as finalists for the scholarships will be entered into the second phase of the application process and will be asked to provide official school transcripts (from previously attended schools), financial documentation (Form 1040 as filed with the IRS or any foreign equivalent for the tax year 2016), and three sealed letters of recommendation . Detailed instructions for finalists completing the second phase of this process will be posted at www.ewgafoundation.com on May 16, 2017. This information packet must be submitted to the Foundation by the 2017 scholarship finalists postmarked no later than May 31, 2017.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will review all finalists’ applications and the winner will be announced no later than June 16, 2017.

Timetable for 2017 Scholarships

Application form available on the EWGA Foundation Web site (www.ewga.com)	January 1
2017 Applications (only the first 200 applications received by the EWGA Foundation will be considered for the 2017 Scholarships) must be postmarked no later than	April 15
Phase One Application Review Process,.....	April 16 through May 15
Applicants notified of their status (advancing to Phase Two as finalists, or not) by.....	May 16
Phase Two Applicant Finalists submit remaining paperwork packet postmarked by.....	June 1
Scholarship recipients selected and winners notified.....	June 16
Public announcement of scholarship recipients by.....	June 30
Scholarship award payments made to institutions no later than.....	July 15

Payment of the Scholarship Awards

Women On Par® scholarships will be paid directly to the educational institutions where the award recipient is enrolled or has been accepted to attend. Payments will be made no later than July 15, 2017.

Non-Discrimination Policy

It is the policy of the EWGA Foundation to conduct its affairs without regard to race, creed, religion, color, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, or physical disability.

Privacy Policy

The information received in this application will only be used by the Scholarship Selection Committee for the purposes of evaluating a candidate’s qualifications for this scholarship and will not be provided to anyone outside of the EWGA Foundation Board of Directors and EWGA staff.

Questions about your application?

See a list of Frequently Asked Questions posted at www.ewgafoundation.com, under the FOUNDATION tab at www.ewga.com or contact the EWGA Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee at the following email address: foundation@myewga.com.

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SEND APPLICATIONS AND DIRECT QUESTIONS TO:

Application Deadline: April 15, 2017
To: EWGA Foundation
Attention: Women On Par® Scholarship Selection Committee
Address: 8895 N. Military Trail, Suite 102-E
City/State: Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
Province/Country: U.S.A.

Email Address: foundation@myewga.com

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____
Last Name (Surname) First Name Middle Initial

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Primary Telephone No: _____ Secondary Telephone No: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Female? Yes No Age Category: Under 30 30-34 35-39 40-44 45-49
 50-54 55-59 60+

United States Citizen? Yes No If no, are you a legal U.S. resident? Yes No

Canadian Citizen? Yes No If no, are you a legal Canadian resident? Yes No

Current Member of EWGA? Yes No EWGA Member Number _____

EWGA Chapter(s) _____

If not a current member, have you ever been a member of the EWGA? Yes No

(Note: Current or previous EWGA membership is not required for consideration or receipt of this scholarship. Current or previous membership in EWGA does not provide preferential treatment to any applicant).

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2. EMPLOYMENT STATUS

(Indicate current and two most recent employers, if applicable)

From (Month/Year)	To (Month/Year)	Employer	Address	Type of Work or Position Held	Hours Worked Per Week	Earnings Per Week

3. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Organization Name	Period of Involvement	Position Held/Contribution
	From (date): To (date):	

4. VOLUNTEER / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

(Please list your most important activities in which you have participated without pay):

Organization Name	Period of Involvement	Position Held/Contribution
	From (date): To (date):	

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5. HONORS / AWARDS / RECOGNITION

List the most significant honors / awards / recognition you have received, including dates received

	Date: _____
	Date: _____
	Date: _____
	Date: _____
	Date: _____
	Date: _____

6. PREVIOUS SCHOLASTIC RECORD

Indicate the highest level of education you have completed:

- GED
 High School Diploma
 Associates Degree
 Bachelors Degree
 Masters Degree
 Other (please specify):

Include the following for each school attended, including high school:

Name of School / University / College / Institute	Address	Dates of attendance from __ to __	Overall GPA	Major Field	Date Degree Conferred or Expected

An official transcript from each previously attended educational institution is not required as part of the initial screening / application process. ***Official transcripts from each previously attended educational institution will be required only for those applicants selected as finalists and advancing to the second phase of this two-step application process.***

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7. CURRENT EDUCATION PLANS

Name of School/College/University: _____			
Address: _____	City: _____	State/Province _____	Zip/Postal Code: _____
Degree/Program: _____		Currently Enrolled? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Applied for Admission? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Accepted for the School Year 2017-18? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Name of Admissions Officer: _____		Phone: _____	

Please attach an official current transcript if you are currently enrolled in school. If you have been accepted and plan to enroll this year, please attach official proof of acceptance from the school (see page 13 of this application).

8. FINANCIAL NEED (based on 2016 financials):

Yearly Income (*Provide amounts as yearly totals, not monthly or quarterly amounts*)

Your Income (wages, bonuses, tips, etc.): _____	Spouse's Income: _____
Other Income (alimony, child support, Social Security, etc.): _____	Income from Investments: _____
Total 2016 Income (as reported on your 2016 U.S. or Canadian Income Tax Return): _____	

NOTE: Applicants advancing as Finalists will be required to submit a copy of official U.S. or Canadian Income Tax Return to validate total income as part of the second phase of the application process.

Yearly Expenses (*Provide amounts as yearly totals, not monthly or quarterly amounts*)

Mortgage/Rent: _____	Utilities: _____	Other Living Expenses (clothing, food, gas, transportation: _____
Childcare: _____	Loans/Debts: _____	Other: (Explain): _____
Total 2015 Expenses: _____		

9. EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES

Costs should be on a **per-quarter** or **per-semester** basis for the upcoming school year. Please indicate if total costs are on a quarter or semester basis by completing the appropriate section below. Do not report amounts as annual amounts:

Tuition: _____	Books & Supplies: _____	Other Fees: _____	(specify): _____
Total Expenses per Quarter: _____		Total Expenses per Semester: _____	

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10: OTHER EDUCATION GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS

List all other grants, scholarships and loans that you have received and how much of the funding applies to the upcoming scholastic year. If you have applied for but not yet received funding, please indicate below:

TYPE <i>(Check box)</i>	Name of Grant/Scholarship/Loan	Amount Applied for	Amount Received
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Loan:			/
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Loan:			/
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Loan:			/
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Loan:			/

11. PERSONAL STATEMENT

In the space provided below (and on following pages), tell us what makes you a strong candidate for this scholarship. Please include evidence of setting and achieving goals, extra responsibilities you have assumed, how you have overcome obstacles in your life, and how you have demonstrated initiative and self-motivation. Also, describe your short-term (1-3 years) and long-term (3 to 5 years) personal and career goals and objectives. Finally, tell us how this scholarship may impact your life and the lives of people around you (your family, friends, and community). Use additional paper, if needed. You may also attach a résumé or curriculum vitae.

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11. PERSONAL STATEMENT (Cont.)

12: PERSONAL REFERENCES

Personal references are not required during this first phase of the application process. Only applicants selected to advance to the second phase as Scholarship Finalists will need to provide three (3) sealed letters of reference from adults (non-relatives) who you have known for more than one (1) year and who can attest to your qualifications for this scholarship. Instructions for submitting personal references as part of the second phase of this two-step application process will be made available to Scholarship Finalists on May 16, 2017.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The applicant is responsible for submitting all materials to the EWGA Foundation Selection Committee via U.S. mail, or other authorized carrier at the following address:

To:	<u>EWGA Foundation</u>
Attention:	<u>Women On Par® Scholarship Selection Committee</u>
Address:	<u>8895 N. Military Trail, Suite 102-E</u>
City/State:	<u>Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410</u>
Province/Country:	<u>U.S.A.</u>

All materials should be mailed in the same 9” x 12” envelope to the address listed above. Applications must be postmarked by no later than April 15, 2017 to be considered.

- This application becomes complete and valid only when you have submitted all of the following materials:
- Completed application form (including applicant signature under the Certification by Applicant section below). All information must be provided as required in Sections 1-11 for your application to be considered.
 - Proof of current enrollment or acceptance to school (see Section 7 and last page of this document).
 - In the event you do not have an email address, you must provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope to receive notification of the Scholarship Selection Committee decision.

An incomplete application, including unanswered questions, missing documentation and/or inappropriate formatting (including handwritten forms), will not be evaluated.

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NOTICE

The EWGA Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee has the sole responsibility for selecting scholarship recipients. Upon receipt, this application, and all submitted materials, becomes the property of the EWGA Foundation. It is recommended that you keep a copy for your files. The EWGA Foundation will not be responsible for lost, late, misdirected, mutilated, incomplete, illegible or postage due mail.

Please address any questions you have about this scholarship application to: foundation@myewga.com.

CERTIFICATION BY APPLICANT

I acknowledge that the decisions of the EWGA Foundation Selection Committee are final. I certify that I meet the basic eligibility requirements of the Scholarship Program and that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide proof of information I have given on this form. Falsification of information may result in disqualification or termination of any scholarship granted.

I certify that all of the information provided in this application is truthful and accurate.

Signature of applicant

Date

See following page for Verification of Current Enrollment Form

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**Verification of Current Enrollment
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I certify that _____ is currently enrolled in
(name of student)

^{1st} ^{2nd} ^{3rd} ^{4th} _____ in _____
(year of undergraduate degree program ,circle one) (name of course/degree being studied)

at _____
(name of College/University/Institute)

(address College/University/Institute)

(signature of College/University/Institute official)	(date)
(printed name)	(title)

(official stamp of the College/University/Institute).

**If an official stamp is not available, the above information must be provided on official
College/University/Institute letterhead and attached to the application form)**

This requirement may be deferred if the application deadline precedes the university/college/institute enrollment period. The applicant must provide written confirmation of the enrollment period with the application. Scholarship recipients must provide verification of enrollment before scholarship funds will be released.

Return Form to: EWGA Foundation	Address: 8895 N. Military Trail, Suite 102-E	City: Palm Beach Gardens
State/Province: FL	Country: U.S.A.	Postal Code: 33410
	Email Address: foundation@mviewga.com	