**WE, Inc. Rise Above Scholarship**

The purpose of the WE, Inc. Rise Above Scholarship is to provide a **$500** one-time educational scholarship for currently enrolled college-aged women. This can include assistance for needs including but not exclusive of: tuition, textbooks and supplies, instructional program materials and equipment, graduate exam application fees, or professional certification examination fees. Needs that are ongoing (e.g., utility bills, food costs) or related to medical care are not covered by this fund.

**The students eligible for assistance shall:**

* be a woman attending/planning to attend a two-year or four-year college/university in fall 2024;
* be enrolled in or accepted to a degree-seeking program;
* demonstrate financial need;
* live in or attend school in South Carolina;
* include two letters of recommendation; and
* include an essay (containing at least 500 words not to exceed 750 words) explaining how the scholarship would be used.
* **Mandatory attendance at the 15th Annual Women’s Empowerment Conference to be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024.**

**Deadline:** Applications are due by **March 7, 2024** at **11:59PM (EST).**

**Application Instructions –*The following documents must be received on or before March 7, 2024***

1. Complete the attached application form in its entirety.
2. Attach 2 letters of recommendation addressing your accomplishments, attributes, community service activities, and academic achievement. Letters CANNOT be written by relatives or friends. Letters should be from teachers, professors, supervisors, community leaders in which you have performed community service, advisors, guidance counselors, or pastors. All letters must contain the recommenders contact information, including full name, company/organization name, email address, and contact number.
3. Attach proof of college enrollment or acceptance.
4. Essay describing:
	1. How the scholarship funds will be used
	2. What this opportunity means to you achieving your educational goals
	3. How this opportunity and your education will empower you to rise above all obstacles and circumstances

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| What school will you be attending in the fall? |  |

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| What is your intended major of study? |  |

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| What high school did you attend? |  |

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| How did you learn about this opportunity? |  |

**Email completed applications to:**

Attn: Women’s Empowerment, Inc.

womensempowermentconference@gmail.com

*\*Applications are not considered complete until all attachments are submitted. Applications must be complete by March 7, 2024. Scholarship recipient must be able to attend the 15th Annual Women’s Empowerment Conference on March 16, 2024.*