

VIP Women in Technology Scholarship (WITS) 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.

- **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 2017 school year. These individuals must be planning a career in computer science, information technology, management information systems, computer engineering, or another related field.*
- **Awards:** The 2017 WITS program will grant multiple scholarship awards that value up to \$2,500 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, provide the information requested on a separate sheet of paper. 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 1, 2017. Applications received after this deadline will not be accepted. If mailing your application, please use the following address:
 - Attn: WITS Program Visionary Integration Professionals (VIP) 80 Iron Point Circle #100 Folsom, CA 95630
 - Email WITS@trustvip.com with questions.

*Computer Graphics Design, Engineering, and other similar degrees will not qualify. Please refer to the list of eligible majors in this document.

2017 Application

Please provide the following information:

Name	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email	
Current or Intended College or University	
Are You Currently Enrolled in High School, College, or Graduate Program?	
Current GPA	Expected Graduation Year from College
Estimated Total Hours of Community Service/Extracurricular Activities	
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 1,000 words or less, please define a specific problem in your local community and recommend a thoughtful information technology-related solution that is likely to make an immediate impact on the problem.
- **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 service, volunteering, and extracurricular activities, please provide the following information on a separate sheet related to your involvement:
Name of Activity,
Role and Responsibilities,
Duration of Participation,
Leadership Position(s) Held
- **Deadline:** Applications must be emailed or postmarked by March 1, 2017. Applications received after this deadline will not be accepted. See page 1 of this document for more information.

WITS 2017 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 in the United States)
- 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 2017 application here and submit by email to WITS@trustvip.com or by mail to:

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

All applications must be received via email by midnight, Pacific Time, March 1, 2017 or postmarked by March 1, 2017 to be eligible.

What formats should I use?

PDF and Word (.doc) only. No images files (including .jpg, .png, .tif), .pages, or other format 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.

Can I submit my application via email?

Of course! Please send it to WITS@trustvip.com by midnight, Pacific Time, March 1, 2017 or mail to:

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

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

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

No.

Can I submit recommendation letters in my application?

Of course! Please keep in mind the committee will make their judgment based only on the required elements of your application.

Is my major eligible?

Check out our list in this packet. Don't see it? [Email](#) us.

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 eligible. See our list of suggested eligible/ineligible majors in this packet.

I am pursuing my master/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 above and 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.?

Yes.

Do I need to be a U.S. citizen to apply?

No, but applicants must be enrolled/planning to attend a school in the United States.

Does eligibility depend on income level?

No.

When will recipients be notified of their award?

Recipients will be notified by email in April 2017.

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.

Still have a question about your eligibility? Email us [here](#).

Is My Major Eligible?

Below are **examples** of eligible and ineligible majors for VIP's 2017 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

Computer Science
Information Management
and Systems
Information and Data
Science
Information Science
Management Systems
Business Information
Systems
Business Information
Management
Information Systems
Software Engineering
Computer Information
Systems
Information Systems
Networking
Computer Programming
Management Information
Systems

Ineligible

Aerospace Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Physics
Biomedical Engineering
Statistical Science
Computational Biology
Applied Mathematics
Human Computer
Interaction (HCI)
Mathematical Sciences
Bioinformatics
Computer Engineering
Meteorology
Game Design
Business
Integrated Design and
Management
Digital Design
Mechanical Engineering
Chemical Engineering

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 (by either 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 (for a list of examples, please see the list included in this packet); and
- You have submitted all application documents in the requested format (please see page 1 of the application for more information)

Privacy Policy

Visionary Integration Professionals and the Women in Technology Scholarship (WITS) committee believe privacy very is 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 questions to WITS@trustvip.com, or write us at:

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

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



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aid information to submit the awarded 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 frame, the 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 that policy at all times.