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 2016 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 2016 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, though other factors may be considered during evaluation. These factors include:

  - Academic Performance – Students must have earned a cumulative 3.0 grade point average or higher 2. Essay – The student's thoughtful answer to the essay question 3. Level of participation in community service and/or extracurricular activities

- **Application Instructions:** After reviewing the application on page 2 of this document, students should provide the information requested on a separate sheet of paper. Failure to submit all requested information will result in disqualification. Prior to mailing or emailing your application, please make sure you have included the following items:

  - Personal information Unofficial transcripts Response to essay question Major relevancy explanation Community service/extracurricular activities

- **Deadline:** All applications must be emailed to WITS@trustvip.com or postmarked by March 7, 2016. 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 email WITS@trustvip.com for other eligibility questions.

2016 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, Masters or Other?	
Current GPA	
Estimated Total Hours of Community Service/Extracurricular Activities	
Expected Graduation Year from College	
Current or Intended Major	
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 that you see in your community (local or statewide) related to information technology, and recommend a solution that is thoughtful and likely to make an impact on the problem.

- **Major Relevancy:** Please include a short paragraph describing how your current or intended major is relevant to the computer science, management information systems, or information technology industries.

- **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, and Leadership Position(s) Held.

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