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thru QR code or email

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Subject: WSBN Scholarship Opportunity for TUSD graduating seniors.

TUSD Administrators, Counselors, and Students,

The Women's Small Business Network of San Joaquin (WSBN) is pleased to announce the launch of our 2026 scholarship program supporting graduating seniors within the TUSD community.

WSBN will be awarding **two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each** to qualified students. The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize and support **graduating high school girls who demonstrate a strong business mindset, outstanding leadership, and a deep commitment to service.**

This award honors young women who have taken initiative, shown responsibility, and inspired others through their involvement in school activities, community projects, and volunteer work. By investing in these future leaders, WSBN hopes to encourage their continued growth in **education, entrepreneurship, and community engagement.**

Applications are **now open** and must be submitted by **April 25, 2026.**

We encourage counselors and administrators to share this opportunity with eligible students who exemplify leadership, initiative, and service to their communities.

Additional application details and submission instructions are available upon request.

Thank you for your continued support in helping recognize and empower the next generation of women leaders.

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Scholarship Application

- Open to graduating senior girls in the TUSD District
- \$1,000 scholarship
- **Applications due April 25, 2026**

Don't Miss This Opportunity!

APPLY NOW!



Scan the code above or email: wsbn.empowers@gmail.com



SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

Purpose

The Scholarship Selection Committee ("Committee") is responsible for reviewing applications and selecting scholarship recipients based on objective and fair criteria established by the Women's Small Business Network of San Joaquin ("Sponsor").

Committee Composition

The committee should consist of **at least three individuals** who are independent and able to evaluate applicants objectively. Committee members should avoid conflicts of interest when reviewing applications.

Conflict of Interest

Committee members must disclose any relationship with an applicant. A member with a conflict of interest must **recuse themselves from reviewing or voting on that applicant**.

Non-Discrimination

The committee must administer the scholarship program in compliance with applicable federal and California nondiscrimination laws.

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

- Educational Experience. Each applicant must be a graduating senior in high school at a school located the Tracy Unified School District.
- Minimum Grades. Each applicant must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. Each applicant must provide a certified or other official transcript as evidence of these grade requirements, or cause his or her school to directly provide such transcripts to the Sponsor.
- College Attendance. The applicant must be reasonably expected to attend a Qualifying Institution (defined below), and must actually plan to do so during the next academic year (for which grants will be paid).
- Completion of Application. The applicant must complete the entire application required by the Sponsor, including providing all documentation requested in the application or otherwise requested by the Sponsor.
- Prohibited Family Relationship. Each applicant must not have a family or business relationship with any director or officer of the Sponsor.

Selection Criteria

The Committee is responsible for selecting scholarship recipients from all eligible applicants. The Committee shall base its selection of Scholarship recipients on the following:

- **Eligibility.** Each General Scholarship recipient shall meet all eligibility requirements described above.
- **Objective and Nondiscriminatory Selection Procedure.** The Committee shall select Scholarship recipients who, in the reasoned view of the Committee, are the most deserving of scholarship awards based upon the objective criteria described below. The Committee shall select Scholarship recipients on an objective and non-discriminatory basis, without regard to gender, race, religion, national origin, or personal handicap.
- **Applicant Interviews; Essays.** The Committee may, but is not required, to interview Scholarship applicants, and may require candidates to submit essays on topics relevant to the Committee.
- **Objective Criteria.** The Committee may consider only the following objective criteria in selecting General Scholarship recipients:
 - a. Academic performance;
 - b. Participation in school, extracurricular, athletic, and community activities;
 - c. Recommendations from instructors or members of the community;
 - d. Conclusions that the Committee members draw from a personal interview, from essays, or from other written materials submitted in the application process that demonstrate the applicant's motivation, character, ability, and potential.

General Administrative Requirements

- **"Qualifying Institution"** means a vocational school, college, or university that is an educational organizations exempt from federal income tax under either Code §115 or Code §501(c)(3) and that is described in Code §170(b)(1)(A)(ii).
- **NOTE: Most public and tax-exempt private 4-year colleges and universities and 2-year vocational schools or community colleges meet this requirement, if they maintain a regular curriculum and schedule of classes. This is required under the federal tax laws for scholarship recipients to be able to avoid paying income tax on grant funds.**
- **Scholarship Amount; Number of Scholarships.** The number and amount of the Scholarship awards granted will be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion. Initially, there will be two scholarship awards at \$1,000 per recipient.

- **Direct Payment of Funds.** All payments to a scholarship recipient shall be paid directly to the scholarship recipient.
- **Use of Funds.** Funds shall be used solely for tuition and fees required to enroll in or attend Qualifying Institutions, and for fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses of instruction at such Qualifying Institutions.
- **Maintenance of Records.** The Committee shall maintain all records pertaining to scholarship grants applied for or paid during a year, for seven (7) years thereafter. These records shall include, at a minimum: (a) all information the Foundation obtains to evaluate qualifications of applicants, (b) the amount and purpose of each scholarship grant, (c) all information identifying applicants, including information regarding their relationship to Foundation officers and directors, and (d) any information the Foundation obtains to determine whether a scholarship recipient is eligible to renew his or her scholarship grant (including any information regarding whether the participant used the grant for its intended purposes).

Final Decision

The committee's decisions should be documented and communicated to the sponsoring organization for final confirmation before scholarship awards are issued.

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AWARD AGREEMENT

This Scholarship Award Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into on *April _____, 2026*, by and between Women's Small Business Network of San Joaquin (WSBN)("Sponsor"), and _____("Recipient").

1. Purpose of Scholarship

The Sponsor has established a scholarship program to support students pursuing higher education. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist the Recipient in meeting education-related expenses while attending an accredited educational institution.

2. Scholarship Award

The Sponsor agrees to award the Recipient a scholarship in the amount of **\$1,000.00**.

The scholarship funds may be applied toward qualified education expenses, including but not limited to:

- Tuition and mandatory fees
- Books and instructional materials
- Educational supplies and equipment
- Other reasonable education-related expenses

Scholarship funds may be paid directly to the Recipient or directly to the educational institution.

3. No Repayment Obligation

This scholarship is awarded as **financial assistance for educational purposes** and **does not require repayment**. The Recipient shall not be required to repay the scholarship funds under any circumstance, including withdrawal from school, change of program, or academic performance.

4. Enrollment Requirement

To receive the scholarship award, the Recipient must be accepted for enrollment at an **accredited college, university, trade school, or vocational institution**.

The Sponsor may request documentation verifying enrollment prior to releasing scholarship funds.

5. Use of Funds

The Recipient agrees that scholarship funds will be used primarily for educational expenses associated with attendance at the educational institution.

6. Independent Selection Process

The Sponsor affirms that scholarship recipients are selected through an **independent and objective selection process** based on established criteria such as academic achievement, financial need, community involvement, leadership, or other merit-based factors.

The Recipient acknowledges that the scholarship award was made through this selection process.

7. Non-Discrimination

The Sponsor administers the scholarship program in compliance with applicable federal and California laws prohibiting discrimination. Scholarships are awarded **without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or other protected characteristics**, except where specific eligibility criteria are legally permitted.

8. Tax Responsibility

Scholarship funds may have tax implications depending on how they are used. The Recipient is responsible for determining any tax liability associated with the scholarship award and is encouraged to consult a tax professional if necessary.

9. Public Recognition

Unless the Recipient requests otherwise in writing, the Sponsor may publicly recognize the Recipient as a scholarship awardee and may use the Recipient's name, photograph, school, or academic program in announcements, reports, or promotional materials related to the scholarship program.

10. Non-Transferability

This scholarship award is granted solely to the Recipient and may not be transferred or assigned to another individual.

11. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the **State of California**.

12. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties regarding the scholarship award and supersedes any prior discussions or understandings.

Signatures

Sponsor Representatives:

Nanette Brown
President
Women's Small Business Network of San Joaquin

Signature

Date

Scholarship Recipient

Recipient Name
Student

Signature

Date

Recipient Parent/Guardian, if under 18 years old
Address
Telephone

Signature

Date

copies to: Recipient
 WSBN Files
 TUSD

WSBN SheLeads Scholarship Application Instructions

The **Women's Small Business Network of San Joaquin** is offering two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each to graduating high school senior girls, with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, in the Tracy Unified School District.

WSBN Scholarship Funds are available to high school girls graduating between January 1st and June 30th of the current academic year, with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, from any of the high schools in the Tracy Unified School District (Tracy, West, Kimball, Tracy Charter and Stein).

The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize and support graduating high school girls who demonstrate a strong business mindset, outstanding leadership, and a deep commitment to service. This award honors young women who have taken initiative, shown responsibility, and inspired others through their involvement in school activities, community projects, and volunteer work. By investing in these future leaders, the scholarship aims to encourage their continued growth in education, entrepreneurship, and community engagement.

Applicant must be:

1. California Resident.
2. Enrolled student at a High School in the Tracy Unified School District.
3. Graduating in the current academic year.
4. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

The application and accompanying reference forms can be obtained from:

TUSD High Schools – Counseling/College & Career Department;
E-mail requests to: wsbn.empowers@gmail.com before 04/10/2026;
By scanning the QR Code on Flyers

RECIPIENTS
Will be announced in
May.

Final application packet **must include:**

1. Completed application form.
2. Copy of the Student's ID from the High School notated on application.
3. An essay describing (in **no more than 500 words**):
 - a. Any school responsibility you may have.
 - b. Your career plans, goals, objective and any other information you feel would be valuable to the selection committee.
 - c. School service-related activities, including any service you provide to others in the school. DO NOT USE abbreviations for any organizations/clubs listed.
 - d. Your volunteer service in the community. DO NOT LIST ACTIVITIES FROM ITEM c, ABOVE.
4. Copy of your transcripts.
5. Reference forms and letters:
 - a. Reference form and letter written *specifically* for this scholarship application.
 - b. First reference form and letter completed by a **community volunteer leader or organization** with whom you have served with and you are NOT related to.
 - c. Second reference form and letter completed by a member of the **high school faculty**.
 - d. NOTE: Each completed reference form and letter should be **given to applicant directly**.
Letters of recommendation for college admission are NOT ACCEPTED.

Submission Instructions:

Submit application, essay and reference forms with letters by emailing to : wsbn.empowers@gmail.com

Application, essay, reference forms and letters should be emailed together in PDF Format ONLY.

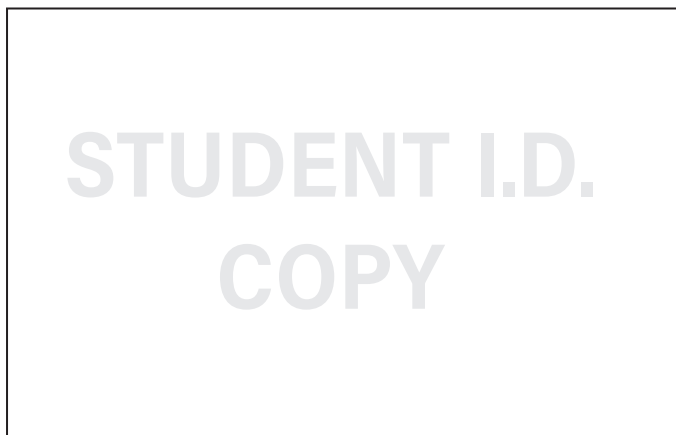
MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 25, 2026 @12:00PM TO BE CONSIDERED



APPLICATION
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DUE DATE:
APRIL 25, 2026

Last Name			First Name			Birthdate(mm/dd/yyyy)		
Mailing Address			City, State			ZIP		
()			Telephone			E-Mail		
Complete Name of High School						Telephone		
High School Mailing Address			City, State			ZIP		
Date of Graduation(mm/dd/yyyy)						Intended major/course of study at college/university, trade or tech. school		
If Applicant is UNDER 18 years of age, Parent/Guardian signature REQUIRED						Signature of Applicant - REQUIRED		
PRINT Name of Parent/Guardian*						Signature of Parent/Guardian*		



Please provide a copy/screenshot
of your current Student ID

- ☐ I give permission for my name and photo or video to be used in a news release, social media post, flyer, etc. in connection with this scholarship.

Initials

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING

1. Describe any School responsibility you may have.
2. Describe your career goals, objective and any other information you feel would be valuable.
3. Describe all school service-related activities-include any services you provide to others in your school. DO NOT USE abbreviations for any organizations/clubs listed.
4. Describe your volunteer service in the community. DO NOT INCLUDE activities listed in 3 above.

RETURN APPLICATION PACKET IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER

- Completed application form.
- Copy of Student ID.
- Essay response to items 1 - 4 above in NO MORE than 500 words.
- Copy of Transcripts.
- Two (2) reference forms with letters.
 - ☐ From UNRELATED community member.
 - ☐ From high school faculty member.

RETURN TO: wsbn.empowers@gmail.com in PDF format

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 25, 2026
TO BE CONSIDERED**

REFERENCE FORM

WSBN She Leads SCHOLARSHIP for Graduating High School Senior Girls TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY/COMMUNITY MEMBER

APPLICATION PACKET DUE DATE: APRIL 25, 2026

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Name of Student: _____

High School: ☐ Tracy High ☐ West High ☐ Kimball ☐ Tracy Charter ☐ Stein

The above named student has applied for the WSBN She Leads Scholarship. Please include this reference form and a separate letter of recommendation, which **MUST** be written specifically for this graduating high school senior scholarship application. Copies of recommendation letter for college are not acceptable. Attach your letter of recommendation, written on an additional sheet. Information provided will be considered confidential. **Please limit letter to one page.**

In what capacity do you know the student? _____

Provide a description of each activity and the student's involvement. Give your evaluation of their abilities, attitudes and potential of the student and any comments regarding the student's volunteer service, activities, achievements and personal qualifications.

Name of Faculty/Community member: _____

Faculty/Community position: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ **Email:** _____

SIGNED: _____ **Date:** _____
Signature of Community Member

RETURN THIS FORM WITH LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION DIRECTLY TO APPLICANT

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Telephone: (_____) _____ **Email:** _____

SIGNED: _____ **Date:** _____
Signature of Faculty Member

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