1. **DEADLINE** for scholarship applications is **February 20, 2015.** (No exceptions)
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements. Refer to application process below for a list of supporting documents needed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you. You may also download a copy of the applications online: www.wodn.org
4. If you have been awarded the scholarship, WODN will notify you by phone on or before **March 7, 2015.** You can also check to see the award status and winners on www.wodn.org.
5. If you have any questions about the application process, please email WODN at wodnsc@gmail.com.

**Purpose:** Our mission is to “provide positive mentorship to young females as they transition into adulthood, motivate women, and enhance the lives of citizens in need within our community.” We believe that promoting higher education is an integral part in what we believe and would like to provide assistance to young females and women to help make their educational journey possible.

**Award Components:** Each year, Women of Distinction Network will provide approximately five recipients with a brand new laptop computer that rewards students who have made a positive change in their lives.

**Award Impact:** Each year, Women of Distinction Network will provide five recipients with a new laptop computer that can assist with cost incurred for a higher education. The scholarship will assist the recipient in becoming better prepared to enter the workforce and become a positive role model.

**Award Criteria:**
1. Applicant must be registered in a technical college or four year institution.
2. Applicant must be a senior level high school student or already attending a technical college or four year institution.
3. Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident with a permanent resident ID card.
4. Applicant must be present for the organization's Scholarship Ball to receive award.
5. Applicant must be willing to take a picture to upload on the organization's website (Your picture will only be displayed for scholarship award purposes. WODN will not use your picture in any other capacity)

**Application Process:**
**Applicant must submit the following items:**
1. Completed application form (if hand written, please print legibly)
2. Two (2) character references that can say how you’ve made a positive change
3. College acceptance letter and enrollment form.
4. Letter of application addressed to WODN stating their intent to apply for the scholarship.
5. Personal essay.

**DEADLINE** for the application is **February 20, 2015.** Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Announcement of scholarship recipients:** **March 7, 2015**

Please mail or email your application to:
Women of Distinction Network
ATTN: Scholarship Coordinator
P.O. Box 291273
Columbia, SC 29229
wodnsc@gmail.com
Women of Distinction Network’s Scholarship Application 2015

Please type or print your answers clearly. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.

1. Last Name: ______________________________ First Name: ______________________________
2. Email address: ______________________________
3. Mailing Address:
   Street: ______________________________ City: ______________________________
   State: _________ Zip: ___________
4. Daytime Telephone Number: _____________________
5. Date of Birth: Month ___________ Day: ___________ Year __________
6. I certify that I am a United States Citizen or a permanent resident of the United States of America (Circle One)
   YES  NO
7. Current school I am enrolled in
8. School I will be attending in the Fall
   Must be an accredited institution
9. Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Please skip if you are over 18 years of age
   Name(s) ______________________________ City: ______________________________
   Street: ______________________________ State: ____________ Phone: _____________________
   Zip ___________
10. What is your major/degree?
   __________________________________________________________
11. List your academic honors, awards and membership activities:
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
12. List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interest and extracurricular activities:
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
13. Personal essay. Attach your personal essay to the application.
   Please choose from the below list of essay questions and construct an essay [600 words maximum]
   1. As a woman I feel I am empowered to...
   2. As a woman I feel it is my duty to society to...
   3. As a woman explain the importance of wanting to achieve a higher education.
   4. Explain a situation where you felt overlooked because you were a woman and how did you overcome it.
   5. If you have children or plan to have children what are the biggest traits you plan to teach them to be better members of society?
14. A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.

B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application (No exceptions)

C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.

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STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote Women of Distinction Network’s scholarship program.
I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at an accredited institution before my scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: __________________________ Date: ________________