



# TOP HOUSTON WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY

## Kathi Bowles Scholarship for Women in Computing

### Introduction & History

Every year, the Houston chapter of the Association for Women in Computing (AWC - Houston) awards one or more scholarships to outstanding students pursuing an undergraduate degree in a computer-related field. The actual number of scholarships and the amount(s) depend on fundraising activities held throughout the year.

The AWC - Houston Chapter scholarship was named to honor the memory of one of its members, Kathi Bowles, and to promote advanced education in the field of technology. Kathi Bowles received her bachelor's degree from Auburn University, where she had received many undergraduate honors. Following graduation, Kathi worked as a systems analyst and project leader for a major oil company. She then took a position as a system consultant for a Big Eight accounting firm. Throughout her career, Kathi's peers regarded her as an outstanding professional. In addition to her career, Kathi was very active in volunteer work with children and her church. Kathi Bowles died in 1987, at the age of thirty.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize women pursuing a technology degree and contributing to their high school, university or community in the areas of service and leadership.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE IS

**February 28, 2008.**

**Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications must be received by the Association of Women in Computing @ 5:00 p.m. CST, February 28, 2008**

### **Contact information for submission and inquiries:**

The Association for Women in Computing  
Attn: Jan Whitehead / Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 421316  
Houston, TX 77242-1316  
[scholarship@awchouston.org](mailto:scholarship@awchouston.org)  
Scholarship Application

**Eligibility Requirements:** In order to be eligible for consideration, female scholarship applicants must:

- Reside within the Houston area
- Attend an accredited college or university in the southeastern area of the state of Texas pursuing a graduate degree in a computer-related field (example: computer science, management information systems, information technology, etc.)
- Currently junior status at the college or university attending.
- Be a U.S. citizen, or documented permanent resident of the U.S.
- Never at any time have been subject to any disciplinary action by any institution or entity, including, but not limited to, any educational or law enforcement agency.
- Any student known to be receiving a full scholarship for tuition shall not be considered for this award.

**Application Submission Instructions:** In order to be eligible for consideration, scholarship applications must:

- Submitted a word document with an electronic signature. Essay must also be submitted in a word document.
- Be clearly legible and submitted in English. AWC is not responsible for mistakes made due to illegible applications.
- Supply all requested information and must not include additional materials not requested as part of the application (i.e., newspaper articles, research papers, etc.). If any information is incomplete, the application will be rejected.
- Applications may be submitted on line or printed and mailed.
- Include current and accurate contact information.
- Provide all signatures where indicated on the application.

### **Application Checklist:**

Please submit application items in the order listed. Do not include the "Announcement" page or the "Eligibility and Instructions" page. Recommendation letter must be sent separately by the recommender with transcript or transcript can be sent under separate cover. If transcript submitted under separate cover it must be a current, official transcript in a sealed envelope.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Fully completed and signed application/Educational Data Form
<input type="checkbox"/>	Current Resume
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommendation Form <input type="checkbox"/> College Academic Advisor Form
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transcript
<input type="checkbox"/>	Written one-page essay on the topic of your choice from the list below:

# APPLICATION COVER PAGE

## ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN COMPUTING 2008 COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

<b>Applicant's Full Name:</b>			
	First/Given	Middle	Last/Family Name
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>Mailing Address (if different):</b>			
<b>Birth Date:</b>			
<b>Phone Number (Daytime):</b>			
<b>Email:</b>			
<b>How did you hear about this scholarship program?</b>			

Applicant's Statement:

I agree to the provisions of this application, and I understand that scholarship funds must be returned if I am unable to meet the stipulations set out by the Association of Women in Computing. I further signify that the information given on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete, factually correct, and honestly presented.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## EDUCATIONAL DATA

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>High School attended:</b>	
<b>City, State:</b>	
<b>Date graduated high school:</b>	
<b>College/University currently attending:</b>	
<b>Current student status (ex. junior, senior?)</b>	
<b>City, State:</b>	
<b>Main phone number:</b>	

Do you plan to continue attending the university where you are currently enrolled?    YES                      NO

If the answer is no, what university will you be applying and/or have been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note this scholarship will only be awarded for attendance at colleges and universities in your state of residence.**

<b>Anticipated major or area of study?</b>	
<b>What is your career goal?</b>	

## RESUME

The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize women pursuing a technology degree and contributing to their university or community in the areas of service and leadership. We are looking for female applicants that are well-rounded individuals who are able to manage their grades, their time, serve their school and/or community and exhibit leadership skills in these areas. Please include any or all of the following information on your resume: Extracurricular school activities - member, officer, or leader in school activity, club or sport. Extracurricular non-school activities – member, officer, or leader in non-school activity such as scouting, philanthropic groups, church groups or any other community service. Indicate an estimate of the number of volunteer/service hours you have provided in any of the above listed organizations. Honors, awards, talents, special achievements received in the last 4 years for the community and/or school. Any employment, internships, summer activities with specific role or job title.

# RECOMMENDATION FORM

The Award Committee requires a letter of recommendation from a professor or college advisor. The recommender must complete this form and submit it along with the letter.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:**

Name:	Phone:
Address:	
City:	State:
Zip:	

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDER:**

**Please complete this form and return it to the address listed below.**

Name:	Occupation:
How long have you known the applicant?	In what capacity?
What three words would you use to describe the applicant?	

Please rate the student in the following areas:

	One of the best I've ever met	Excellent	Above Average	Below Average	Average	Not able to rate
Potential for college success						
Personal initiative						
Respect for others						
Intellectual curiosity						
Sense of humor						
Creativity (scholastic or artistic)						
Peer relationships						
Maturity and integrity						

What is this student's principal strength?
Has this student demonstrated leadership ability? Please cite specific examples.

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# ADVISOR FORM

To be completed by a college advisor and included with the Recommendation Form on the previous page.

Please attach the applicant's official transcript and test scores. All information must be submitted by February 28, 2008.

Please explain any special circumstances or provide information and insights that would be helpful to the Award Committee.

Student's name:


Student's rank:	Class size:	Cumulative GPA:	Scale:
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Please include SAT and ACT scores if available. Test scores on College Transcript are acceptable.

SAT scores:	Verbal:	Math:	Writing	Comp:
ACT scores:	English:	Math:		Comp:

Name: _____	Institution: _____
Position: _____	Phone: _____
Signature: _____	Date: _____

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## Essay

The Award Committee is concerned about the quality of your writing, and also about the quality of your thinking. Include your name at the top of the essay page. The essay should be included as part of the entire application packet.

Prepare a 1 page word document response to one of the following topics:

1. Why are you excited about working in your current field?
2. Describe your most fulfilling computer-related project or experience.
3. Identify a current trend in computer technology and describe how it may evolve over the next 10 years.
4. Why you want to continue your education in the technology field and how you plan to put your education to use?

# Scholarship Agreement

Association of Women in Computing will contact recipients of their selection at the phone number, email address or physical address provided by applicant. The scholarship is contingent upon the following items:

- The Association of Women in Computing must be contacted no later than July 1, 2008 with information about the college or university the recipients will be attending in the fall to allow time for the transfer of scholarship funds to the college or university.
- If awarded a scholarship, the recipients must agree to provide a written report on their academic progress at the end of the semester after receiving the scholarship.
- The scholarship recipients are honored along with women who have made an outstanding contribution in computer-related fields at our Top Houston Women in Technology Gala. Gala proceeds benefit the Kathi Bowles scholarship fund. Scholarship recipients must agree to attend the Gala and associated receptions, and be photographed for inclusion in the AWC - Houston website and literature.

## Contact Information

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Inquiries regarding eligibility or the application process should be sent via email to [scholarship@awchouston.org](mailto:scholarship@awchouston.org).

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Application, resume and essay may also be sent via email to the same address.

# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

## Authorization to Release Educational Records Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as Amended (FERPA)

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby voluntarily authorize officials in the  
[Print Name of Student]  
University of Houston department(s) identified below to disclose personally identifiable information  
from my educational records: (Please check the box or boxes that apply)

- Registrar
- Financial Aid
- Dean of Student's Office
- Residential Life and Housing
- University Advancement
- University Studies Division
- Other (Please Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Specifically, I authorize disclosure of the following information or category of information: (Please  
check the box or boxes that apply)

- Grades/Transcripts
- Financial Aid
- Disciplinary
- Housing
- Scholarship and/or Honors
- Photos
- Academic Records
- All University Records
- Other (Please Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

This information may be released to: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Print Name(s) of Individual(s) To Whom University May Disclose Information]  
\_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of informing:  
[List Additional Individuals if Necessary]

- Family
- Educational Institution
- Employer/Prospective Employer
- Public or Media of Scholarship, Honor or Award
- Other (Please Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand the information may be released orally or in the form of copies of written records,  
as preferred by the requester. This authorization will remain in effect from the date it is  
executed until revoked by me, in writing, and delivered to Department(s) identified above.**

Student Name [please print]

Student ID Number

Student Signature

Date

**Note: Modification of this Form requires approval of OGC**