

General Federation of Women's Clubs–New Hampshire 2026 Scholarship Application

DEADLINE: Completed applications must be postmarked or emailed on or before April 1, 2026.

Important Information

The General Federation of Women's Clubs–New Hampshire (GFWC-NH) offers two distinct scholarships each year. Applicants are encouraged to carefully review the eligibility criteria for each scholarship and to indicate on their application which scholarship(s) they are applying for. Recipients of the scholarships will be notified by April 30, 2025. Each awardee, along with an adult companion, will be invited to attend the GFWC-NH Annual Meeting in May, where the scholarship will be formally presented.

Available Scholarships

General Federation of Women's Clubs–New Hampshire Scholarship

This scholarship is open to male or female graduating high school seniors who are residents of New Hampshire and will be attending any accredited university, college, technical, or specialty school. Selection is based on the applicant's record of community service, personal achievement, financial need, leadership qualities, individual determination, and participation in school activities. The award amount is \$2,000, which will be paid directly to the chosen institution at the start of the student's second semester.

Mrs. Dexter Otis Arnold Scholarship

This scholarship is available exclusively to female graduating high school seniors who are residents of New Hampshire and will be attending an accredited college or university within New Hampshire. The recipient will receive \$2,000, which will be paid to the institution at the beginning of the second semester.

Submission Instructions

Completed applications should be mailed to the following address with a postmark of no later than 4/1:

Stephanie Riotto, GFWC-NH Scholarship Chairperson

24 Laurel Lane, Somersworth, NH 03878

For questions, email: sriotto@comcast.net Please include "GFWC-NH Scholarship" in the subject line.

Application Form

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Indicate the scholarship(s) for which you are applying (check one or both):

General Federation of Women's Clubs–New Hampshire Scholarship

Mrs. Dexter Otis Arnold Scholarship

1. Name: _____

2. Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

3. Phone #: _____ Email: _____

4. Date of Birth: _____

5. Guardian's Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Annual Income: _____

6. Guardian's Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Annual Income: _____

7. Name of High School: _____

8. List the names and ages of brothers and sisters living at home or in college:

9. **List school and/or community organizations in which you are or have been active, number of years involved and hours volunteered, and awards received. Be specific. Attach a separate sheet if needed.**

School Organizations: _____

Community Organizations: _____

Awards Received: _____

10. **Community Service:** _____

11. **List the schools to which you have applied and indicate if you have been accepted. Also indicate the cost per academic year. Please indicate if you have decided which school you will to attend.**

_____ Tuition _____ Room and Board _____

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12. **Financial Resources (please be as specific as possible):**

Savings _____

Estimated summer earnings _____

Estimated earnings during college year _____

Estimated parent/guardian contribution _____

Scholarships _____

Grants _____

Loans _____

Total _____

Required Attachments

Please include the following items with your application. All materials should be mailed together. Additional materials will not be considered; the Scholarship Committee will review only the items listed below:

- Transcripts of all grades (grades 9 to present)
- Rank in class
- Two letters of recommendation (choose two from: guidance counselor, teacher, employer, club advisor, or a GFWC member who is not a relative)
- A short essay (not to exceed one page) that outlines your reasons for pursuing further education, your intended major and why you have chosen that field, and why you consider yourself a worthy applicant for scholarship aid.

Signatures

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____