



# ASIST Scholarship Information

EWI of Omaha offers the Adult Students in Scholastic Transition (ASIST) Scholarship Program in the Omaha metro area. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to adult students in a non-traditional or transitional educational situation. EWI believes that the ASIST Program will positively impact the personal life, employment, family and community of the applicant.

## **Scholarship Awards:**

EWI Omaha has \$20,000 available to award in scholarships in 2021. Amounts will vary based on the number of applicants and their respective need. Historically, awards have been in the \$2500 - \$3000 range. Awards can be used for the recipient's tuition and related expenses, which can include books and mandatory fees. Not included are items such as rent, utility payments, travel expense, day care expense or repayment of existing loans.

## **Who Can Apply:**

ASIST is available to adults (18 years of age or older) facing economic, social or physical challenges who are looking to improve their situation through educational opportunities. This would include individuals who are past high school age and who are entering an accredited college, university or trade school for the first time; non-traditional students already enrolled in an accredited program, an individual seeking training due to changes in the workplace or who are otherwise not a traditional college/trade school student recently finished with high school. Selection criteria include financial need; socially, physically and/or economically disadvantaged adults; displaced homemakers; and heads of household with small children or dependent adults.

Applicants for the EWI Omaha scholarship must reside in one of the following counties: Douglas, Sarpy, Washington and Otoe Counties in Nebraska and Harrison, Mills and Pottawattamie Counties in Iowa.

To apply, applicants must be able to:

- Clearly define their career goals and objectives.
- Specify the educational requirements to attain the above goals and objectives.
- Utilize re-entry programs or personal assessment programs available through colleges, universities, community agencies, service groups or career professionals.

**Application Process:**

Applications are completed online through myKaleidoscope.com. No paper applications will be accepted. Access is available at <https://app.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarship/asist>. A link can also be found on the EWI Omaha website at <https://ewi-omaha.org/> under the Community/ASIST Scholarship section.

**The application deadline is March 26, 2021 at 11:59PM Central Standard Time.**

It is helpful if the following items are ready in advance as they will need to be uploaded:

- Transcripts from schools attending (or most recent school attended).
- Letters of Recommendation (2)
- Financial Documents
  - Most Recent Tax Return (2020 Preferred)
  - Other Scholarships awarded, etc.
- Essay (maximum 1000 words)

Applicants will need to create their own account on myKaleidoscope.com. This will allow an individual access to their application until the deadline. The applicant can continue to work on, refine or add additional material to their application even though the process says “submit”. You must SUBMIT to save any changes.

**Timeline:**

Application period	January 4, 2021 – March 26, 2021
Review of applicants	April
Award notification	by end of April

Awards are made payable to the respective school. Scholarship awards are valid for one year from the date granted and must be paid within one year of being awarded. Unclaimed awards will be returned to the EWI Omaha chapter for redistribution.

Awardees may apply again for the scholarship. It is not limited to one award per individual.

EWI Omaha chapter scholarship recipients will be submitted to the Executive Women International Corporate Board for consideration in the national ASIST Scholarship Program. Seven scholarships will be awarded at the corporate level, ranging between \$2,000 - \$8,000.

**Questions:**

Please contact Kristin Gochenour, EWI Omaha Scholarship Committee Chair if you have any questions about the scholarship or the application process.

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