



Supporting higher education for Adventist women globally

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- Please e-mail the newsletter to me
- Some friends would enjoy this newsletter.
I'm enclosing names and addresses.

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S MINISTRIES MISSION STATEMENT

The Department of Women's Ministries exists to uphold, encourage, and challenge Adventist women in their pilgrimage as disciples of Jesus Christ and members of His world church.

Our mission is in the larger sense common to all Christians—that of uplifting Christ in the church and in the world. But more specifically, we are called to:

- elevate women as persons of inestimable worth because they have been created and redeemed
- enable women to deepen their faith and experience spiritual growth and renewal
- build networks among women in the world church to encourage bonds of friendship and mutual support and the creative exchange of ideas and information
- mentor young Adventist women, encouraging their involvement, and creating paths for them as they reach for their potential in Christ
- address the concerns of women in a global context
- bring women's unique perspectives to the issues facing the world church
- seek expanding avenues of dynamic Christian service for women
- challenge each Adventist woman with her potential to complement the gifts given to other women and men as they work side by side to further the global mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church—that out of the fullness we as women have personally found in Jesus Christ, we may be empowered to share the good news within our families, among our fellow believers, and in ever expanding circles in the unsaved world.

"We may do a noble work for God if we will. Woman does not know her power for God ... There is a higher purpose for woman, grander destiny. She should develop and cultivate her powers, for God can employ them in the great work of saving souls from eternal ruin."

Ellen White, 4 T 642

"Drop a pebble in a pool and the ripples reach the shore. Invest in lives, and with tsunami-like force the impact is powerful and eternal."

Don Robinson, Former Treasury liaison to GC Women's Ministries

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

The General Conference Women's Ministries Scholarship Program is established to give scholarships to SDA women who are committed to serving the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church who would otherwise be unable to afford a Christian education.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Any woman planning to attend a Seventh-day Adventist college or university in the Division in which she lives. Primary consideration will be given to those in the last two years of college-level study. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need, ability and the recipient's determination to improve herself. She must be committed to serve the Lord in whatever way He directs and dedicated to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

HOW MAY I APPLY?

- Women interested in applying for the scholarship should get an application form from the Women's Ministries Director in your division.
- Or you may download the scholarship application at GCWM website: <http://adventistwomensministries.org>
- You will be asked to fill out the application, provide a photo, a transcript of your latest year in school and three recommendations written by your pastor, church leaders, and/or teachers.
- Scholarships should be submitted first to your conference Women's Ministries (WM) director, who will send it to the union WM director, then to the division WM director and finally to the GC WM director. If you have no conference WM director, send the application to your union WM director. If there is no conference or union WM director, then send it directly to your division WM director.
- Applicants will be screened by a committee at the Women's Ministries office for your Division and by the General Conference Women's Ministries Scholarship Committee.

WHERE DO THESE SCHOLARSHIPS COME FROM?

Prior to 2004 all scholarships were funded by profits from the Women's Ministries' daily devotional books for women. The first devotional book was printed in 1993 and was titled

Among Friends. Since then these books have been published annually.

As of 2009 the Women's Devotional and SOS have brought in more than \$564,000 to help fund scholarships for women in more than 105 countries. Women from all over the world contribute devotionals for these books. All profits are put into the scholarship program.

WHAT IS SOS?

In 2004 we became aware of our need to raise even more funds for this program since we were turning down almost half of all applicants. A program was developed to raise funds that would allow more women to receive help. This program is called "Scholarshipping Our Sisters" (SOS) and is managed by the GC Women's Ministries department.

Funds are solicited from businesses, retirees, women's organizations, and other interested groups and individuals. Donations may be named or unnamed. Donors are free to designate their donation for a particular field of study or institution if they wish. Gifts may also be made in memory or in honor of someone special.

Scholarship awards are distributed directly to the educational institution involved. Funds raised are divided equally among all the world divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church that have a Women's Ministries Director and Scholarship Committee.

AMONG THE MANY SCHOLARSHIPS ALREADY AWARDED ARE THOSE TO A YOUNG WOMAN FROM:

- Finland studying English
 - Nigeria studying Mass Communication
 - Bangladesh studying Elementary Education
 - Myanmar studying Theology
 - United States studying Religion
 - Kenya studying Education
 - Ukraine studying Languages
 - Madagascar studying Business
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Mail to: Your Home Division Women's Ministries Director

Please send me the information on the Women's Ministries Scholarship Program

Name:

Mailing Address: