

Iota Sweethearts, Inc.-Gulf Coast Region Scholarship Application for Secondary Education Students

SUBMISSION DATE

All application materials must be submitted no later than **11:59 pm EST on April 15th, 2025** to the submission link located on the Scholarship Page on the ISI GCR website.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applications for the scholarship are reviewed according to the following criteria:

1. Must currently be in a secondary education program (junior college, university/college, trade school, etc).
2. Must provide a comprehensive and complete application
3. Must include an official educational transcript from your bursar's office
4. Must submit proof of community service activities in the form of a letter on official organizational letterhead.
5. Must submit **two (2)** letters of recommendation from community representatives, including but not limited to a community leader, supervisor, religious leader, or college professor, that discuss personal characteristics, attributes, integrity, leadership, and volunteer service.
6. Must have a 2.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 GPA scale

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. Obtain an application from the ISI Gulf Coast Region website
2. Retrieve an official transcript of your college transcript from your bursar's office.
3. Submit an **original copy** of your completed scholarship application, written essay, letters of recommendation, and proof of community service via the submission link.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The scholarship will be awarded based on the evaluation criteria and a comprehensive and quality application with supporting documents.
- Once submitted, all materials will become the property of Iota Sweethearts, Inc.- Gulf Coast Region and will not be returned. Please retain a copy of all application materials for your records.
- Scholarship will be awarded in the amount of **\$500** this year. The scholarship recipient will be notified by mail and telephone call.
- Scholarship checks will be made payable to the recipient's institution in August 2025.

* College transcripts must be provided directly from the school in a **sealed/unopened** envelope addressed to **Iota Sweethearts, Inc.**, and can be submitted with the application packet or mailed directly to the address indicated above.

- List all community-sponsored activities that you have participated in, beginning with your freshman year.
- Please be sure to include any leadership roles.
- Examples of community service activities are volunteer work, youth group activities, church activities, boy/girl scouting, city or county sports activities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEER SERVICE	YEAR

PART V: EMPLOYMENT (A resume may be submitted in lieu of completing this section.)

- Beginning with your current or most recent job, list your work experience, including type of position. If you were **not** employed at any time during your college years, please leave this section blank.

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	DATES WORKED	POSITION HELD

PART VI: WRITTEN ESSAY (300 Word Minimum; 500 Word Maximum)

Submit your answer to the following prompt in the box on the submission form:

Iota Sweethearts Inc. is committed to making a tangible difference in our communities through our national initiative, W.E. Care, which focuses on addressing domestic violence, homelessness, women empowerment, human trafficking, and food insecurity.

Choose one of these critical social issues and explain how you would enact the W.E. Care initiative on your campus and/or in your community. Your response should include:

Why you chose this issue – Explain its significance and impact.

Your proposed action plan – Detail specific programs, events, partnerships, or campaigns you would implement.

The potential impact – Describe how your efforts would create positive change and engage others.

Your essay should be between 300-500 words, demonstrating thoughtful analysis, originality, and a commitment to community service.

PART VII: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two letters of recommendation must accompany this application. One letter must be from a community leader, supervisor, religious leader, or college professor. The second letter must be from a person who can verify your involvement in community services and/or religious activities. **Applications submitted without this supporting documentation will not be considered.**

The letters of recommendation should clearly identify the name of the student, college, student attributes and/or characteristics, and address why this student deserves support. All letters should be a PDF format to be submitted (professional/organizational stationery is strongly recommended) and included with the final application package.

PART VIII: STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR APPLICANTS

I hereby certify that I am a college undergraduate student, meeting all the established criteria and that all of the information and statements presented in this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I have enclosed the necessary college transcript and other supporting documentation. I hereby grant permission for a representative of the committee to obtain any additional information regarding this application, and I am willing to provide it, should it be necessary.

I understand that if any of the information is proven to be false or misleading, I will be disqualified from being considered for the scholarship award or will result in forfeiture of the scholarship if awarded.

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations governing the decision and award of the Regional Scholarship Committee of Iota Sweethearts, Inc.- Gulf Coast Region.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, it is my responsibility to submit the appropriate information for my scholarship to be paid directly to my educational institution.

I hereby understand that incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Applicant's Signature/Date

PLEASE NOTE: Applicant must sign and date the application in order for it to be considered as complete.