

2019 Global Women Scholarship Information & Application

About Global Women's Leadership Network

Credit unions can only realize their full potential and maintain their competitive advantage by bringing the distinctive vision that women leaders offer to transformative outcomes. In 2009, World Council established the [Global Women's Leadership Network](#) to tackle our industry's gender gap while also leveraging resources to strengthen the economic security of women and their families.

The Network is open to all and includes the critical support, engagement and participation of men. Our programs provide tangible skills, tools, and resources to advance women and offers actionable steps for organizations to follow. Since its inception, the Network has engaged with more than 2,600 women and men from 78 countries worldwide. We serve our diverse membership through educational programming, networking opportunities, relationship building, and mentoring.

Scholarship Program Overview

As part of our mission to empower women worldwide, the Global Women's Leadership Network provides annual scholarships to 3 - 4 female leaders around the global credit union industry. Successful candidates will participate in Global Women's Diversity & Inclusion activities during the [2019 World Credit Union Conference](#) (WCUC) to receive training and expand their professional networks.

Since 2009, Global Women has awarded 51 scholarships to women from 23 countries. Scholarships are made possible through funding from annual membership donations and sponsorships, including the generous support of CUNA Mutual Group (USA), Burns-Fazzi, Brock & Associates (USA), and the Susan Adams Scholarship Fund, which was established in honor of former Entrust Financial Credit Union CEO Susan Adams supported by OneAZ and PSCU.

Global Women Activities at WCUC

Throughout the week at World Council of Credit Unions, the [Diversity & Inclusion \(D&I\) conference track](#) combines the previously separate Global Women's Leadership Network and World Council Young Credit Union Professional (WYCUP) Forum events. The D&I Program is dedicated to advancing women and young leaders worldwide and leverages opportunities presented by the World Credit Union Conference to promote professional development throughout the conference week.

Focusing on professional development, participants engage in interactive dialogue sessions, expand their knowledge and grow business relationships. Featuring an internationally renowned keynote speaker, working luncheon and roundtable discussions, attendees walk away with personal action plans, new skills, and professional resources. Breakout sessions on diversity, gender inclusion and growing young leadership talent will be available throughout the conference.

World Credit Union Conference

WCUC is the premier global event for the credit union industry. Attendees from around the globe include board members, CEO's, executive directors, senior management and more. This is the only conference that has a global focus on improving lives through credit unions. We offer top-class educational sessions on key topics, networking opportunities without comparison and an excellent team-building environment that will facilitate and grow decision making. In 2019, the World Credit Union Conference will take place in the Bahamas on July 28 – 31.

Scholarship Eligibility/Criteria

- Recipients will be women leaders who in the credit union movement.
- Recipients will have made a demonstrated leadership contribution to their community, organization and credit union system.
- Recipients will have a demonstrated financial need and would not otherwise be able to attend the forum without financial assistance.
- Preference will be given to recipients from diverse backgrounds who will be able to: 1) gain maximum benefit from the networking experience; 2) contribute expertise to the forum; 3) fully participate in all forum and conference events.
- Recipients will become active participants of Network activities throughout the year. Past scholarship winners (with exception of immediate past year) may re-apply.
- The forum will be held in English. Interpretation will be provided to speakers of other languages if a minimum of 10 participants of a common native language pre-register for the forum by May 1, 2019. Speakers of other languages must provide their own interpreters.
- GWLN Program Director and Chair will review applications and offer a limited number of successful applicants' assistance to registration fees and travel expense reimbursement, which must be accepted or declined within 15 days.

Participant Fee and Travel Assistance/Reimbursement Program

As Global Women scholarship winner, you will receive the following:

- Complimentary one-year membership to the Global Women's Leadership Network
- Complimentary Global Women Networking Reception registration, Saturday, July 27, 2019
- Complimentary registration to the World Credit Union Conference
- Flight, hotel & per diem to attend the World Credit Union Conference in the Bahamas. Airfare includes coach-class only.



Scholarship Application: Due April 8, 2019

Complete the application below and include your resume. Submit to cuwomen@woccu.org

Name:

Credit Union:

Current Position/Title:

Aspired Position/Title:

Email:

Phone:

Age:

Questionnaire

1. Why are you interested in participating in the Global Women's Leadership Network? (250 words or less)
2. What are your career aspirations?
3. What do you need to reach your goals?
4. What do you do outside the credit union to further the credit union mission?
5. How long have you been in credit unions?
6. What is one thing your fellow Network members would be surprised to learn about you?
7. Professional/Personal Bio (Please write 3 – 5 sentences in 3rd person)
8. How would you describe yourself in 3 words?
9. Are you an existing Global Women's Leadership Network member?
10. Please confirm you have received permission from your supervisor and CEO to apply for the scholarship.
 - Yes
 - No

2019 Scholarship Timeline

March 8	International Women's Day GWLN scholarship application opens.
April 8	GWLN scholarship applications due.
May 1	GWLN scholarship winners announced.
July 28 – 31	WCUC in the Bahamas