



Dear WID Members:

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Today is #Giving Tuesday, a day to give back, which started a few years ago at the United Nations Foundation. Would you please consider making a donation to WID HORIZONS Scholarship?

Women In Defense, a National Security Organization (WID), hopes to award \$25,000 to women who will pursue careers related to U.S. national security and defense. Since 1990, HORIZONS has made 125 awards of over \$268,000.

According to Steve MacLaughlin, a director of product management for Blackbaud Index, about 34 percent of all charitable giving is done in the last three months of the year. Of those donations, about 18 percent are given in December alone.*

As you consider your end of year contributions and maximizing your deductions, please keep Julia LeStrange Stern and future HORIZONS recipients in mind. Upon learning of the HORIZONS award, Julia LeStrange Stern of Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA who is studying International Global Affairs said, "I am incredibly honored to receive this award from WID, which will enable me to further pursue my goals of bridging the civilian-military divide across all functions of government, and ultimately drive a whole-of-government approach to national security policy."

To donate, please complete and return attached form. WID is an affiliate of the National Defense Industrial Association, which is recognized by the IRS as a tax-exempt education association under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Please consult your tax advisor for specific advice concerning permissible deductions.

I thank all of those who have contributed to HORIZONS over the years and wish you the warmest of holiday greetings.

Sincerely,

Kirstin J. Knott
WID HORIZONS Director

*<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/11/11/charitable-giving-holiday-season/18822153/>

Women In Defense (WID), A National Security Organization, an affiliate of the National Defense Industrial Association, provides its members with opportunities for professional development and networking, cultivating the advancement of women leaders in government and industry professions. Both women and men belong to WID and attend WID meetings. For more information visit <http://wid.ndia.org/>.