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WOMEN IN DEFENSE SPACE COAST CALLS FOR STEM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS AND SPONSORS

The Women in Defense Space Coast Chapter (WIDSC) is calling for Space Coast students to apply for their annual STEM Scholarship. **Applications must be received by April 25, 2024.** **WIDSC is also asking for area businesses to make donations to the Space Coast STEM Scholarship Fund** directly, or through event sponsorships.

WIDSC established the Space Coast STEM Scholarship Fund in 2013 to encourage women in Florida to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) related to the national security and defense interests of the United States. Since its inception, WIDSC has awarded over \$76,000 in scholarships and contributed to numerous STEM-related events in partnership with local businesses, non-profits, and Federal agencies such as Patrick Space Force.

The WIDSC STEM Scholarship awards vary from \$250 to \$2,000 in cash for exceptional Brevard County women to continue their education in STEM studies with an interest in starting and furthering a career that supports the national defense industrial base. Awards are based on academic achievement, field of study, work experience, statements of interest, recommendations, and financial need.

Local companies are invited to make a tax-free donation in any amount to the WIDSC STEM Scholarship Fund. The scholarships will be awarded in June 2024. The companies who donate directly to the Fund will be recognized as Scholarship Sponsors and recognized for making workforce development a priority initiative.

WIDSC is also raising funds for scholarships through events such as the 7th Annual Sandbagger Invitational Golf Tournament at Baytree National on Friday, May 10th.

Businesses making contributions to the STEM Scholarship Fund will be promoted as an official Sponsor at events and on the WIDSC website and social media channels. They will also have the opportunity to present the company's scholarship to the awardee at the Annual Scholarship Ceremony. Funds donated through this initiative will be dispersed directly to scholarship



recipients. WIDSC is managed by volunteers with no administrative fees. See more at <https://widsc.org/scholarships/>.

About Women In Defense Space Coast Chapter

The Women In Defense Space Coast Chapter (WIDSC) was founded January 21, 2013 and is a 501c3 affiliate of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA). WIDSC provides networking and professional development opportunities to promote the role of women in national defense and security, to support military service members, and to encourage partnerships within the local contractor community, defense industry and military personnel. See more at <http://widsc.org/>.

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