

MARJORIE M. SHOSTAK - SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Winter 2019

Scholarship Background

Women in International Trade Los Angeles, (WIT-LA), a California non-profit organization, founded in 1985 by professional women in international trade and recipient of the 2015 World Trade Week Bob Kleist Leadership Award, is now accepting applications for the Marjorie M. Shostak Scholarship Award.

The Marjorie M. Shostak fund was established in November of 1995 to encourage women and men to pursue an education in the international trade field. The winner will be chosen by the WIT-LA Scholarship Committee and will receive a one-time award of \$1,500. The award will be made directly to the recipient, who is expected to apply the funds toward educational related expenses, such as tuition, books, study abroad programs or international trade related seminars/workshops.

Marjorie M. Shostak was the senior member of the law firm of Stein Shostak Shostak & O'Hara, which specializes in U.S. Customs and International Trade Law. Ms. Shostak was an active practitioner before the U.S. Court of International Trade and its predecessor, the U.S. Customs Court. She represented clients in classification, valuation and penalty matters before the U.S. Customs Service in Washington D.C. and its Field offices. In 1980, Ms. Shostak was appointed by the U.S. Trade Representative and U.S. Secretary of Commerce, to serve as a technical member of the Industrial Functional Advisory Committee on U.S. Customs matters.

Ms. Shostak was the first woman to serve (from 1956-1962) as an officer and Director of the Foreign Trade Association of Southern California, on which half of the Board members are now women; the first woman recipient (in 1962) of prestigious Stanley T. Olafson Bronze Plaque Award, the highest honor in the Southern California international trade community, which is awarded by the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce annually during World Trade Week and the first woman to serve as General Chairman of World Trade Week (in 1972). Ms. Shostak was the first recipient of the Foreign Trade Association's Distinguished Service Award, which is now named after her.

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Submission Procedures

Please send your application form together with all other requested materials to: Women in International Trade – LA, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 45802, Los Angeles, CA 90045-0802. **Applications must be electronically submitted by December 5, 2019. Original application with supplemental documents, If mailed, must be received by December 5th as well.**

The award will be presented to the scholarship recipient in person at the Annual WIT-mas Holiday Charity Benefit on December 11, 2019. Student must be present to receive scholarship award.

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for the scholarship, students must accept the award in person, and meet the following criteria:

1. Full-time enrollment as a sophomore, junior or senior undergraduate student at an accredited Southern California institution of higher education, actively pursuing an academic discipline leading to a career in international trade, business, law or related international field.
2. Acceptable majors include:
 1. a) Business Administration with an international Emphasis
 2. b) Economics or Political Science: e.g. pursuing a law degree, with an International Emphasis
3. Good academic standing with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale).
4. U.S. citizen or legal U.S. Permanent Resident.

Close consideration will be given to students who can demonstrate leadership qualities as defined by a record of involvement and participation in extra-curricular activities, e.g. College campuses and/or in civic activities in their local communities. Please provide this information in Section II of the application.

Post-Scholarship Expectations

Recipients must be willing to participate in any of the following WIT-LA activities:

1. Serve as a mentor to future recipients (e.g. by granting informational interviews)
2. Speak at career events to share future career experiences
3. Maintain an active WIT- LA membership. (First year WIT-LA membership is FREE)

Certification

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Your signature on the application indicates that:

1. You agree to the above stated Post-Scholarship expectations, and
2. **You will be present on December 11, 2019 at the Annual WIT-mas Holiday Charity Benefit to receive the award in person.**

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SECTION I – Personal Information

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Best Number to reach you: Click or tap here to enter text.

Name of the institution you are currently enrolled at: Click or tap here to enter text.

Major: Click or tap here to enter text. Cumulative GPA: Click or tap here to enter text.

A. Extracurricular Activities

Current Employer/Internship/Volunteer Organization	Hours per week
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B. Notable Achievements

Organization	Date received
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SECTION II – Documents required for submission

1. Essay – What are your international career goals? What and/or who has influenced you in pursuing those goals? How would receipt of the Marjorie M. Shostak Scholarship help you in reaching those goals? (1-2 pages)

2. Two letters of recommendation submitted from the student's professors or persons representing the Community Service organization where the student volunteered or volunteers. One letter of recommendation from a personal reference is acceptable.
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 - 2.2) Click or tap here to enter text.Tel: Click or tap here to enter text.

3. Provide copy of unofficial transcripts.

SECTION III – Signature

I certify that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.