

## ***Criteria for YWCA Aurora Dr. Rebecca Sherrick Scholarship***

**YWCA Mission:** The mission of the YWCA Aurora is to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

**Purpose:** The YWCA Aurora has created the Dr. Rebecca Sherrick Scholarship for students at Aurora University to encourage strong female leaders dedicated to the mission of the YWCA Aurora. The YWCA Aurora Dr. Rebecca Sherrick Scholarship provides funding to college students who have demonstrated academic achievement and are pursuing an interest in community service or social justice.

The Scholarship requires the submission of an application, an essay and two recommendation letters. All female students are encouraged to participate in this process.

### **Eligibility – Who is eligible for this Scholarship?**

- Female students currently enrolled at Aurora University who:
- Have a grade point average of 3.0 or above;
- Dedication to community service; and,
- Intend to continue their education at Aurora University.

### **What is needed to apply?**

Applicants should submit:

- a YWCA Aurora Dr. Rebecca Sherrick Scholarship application; and,
- a typed essay of 500 – 750 words (double spaced) reflecting reflect “How I will impact a community to further enhance the mission of the YWCA to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.” Name and contact information must be at the top of the essay.
- Two recommendation letters from current professor, dean, counselor, community service leader or mentor (not a parent or family member) who can speak to the student’s academic achievements and desire to enhance the YWCA’s mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

### **Recipients**

Recipients will be announced in June 2017.

**Amount:** One scholarship will be awarded to one student in the amount of \$2,500. Scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis and be disbursed in June of each year.

**Deadline:** The applications, recommendation letters and essays must be postmarked and submitted by **May 19, 2017**.

Please submit applications to:

Aurora University  
Office of Financial Aid  
347 S. Gladstone Ave.  
Aurora, IL 60506