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# ASIST Scholarship Information

EWI of Omaha offers the Adult Students in Scholastic Transition (ASIST) Scholarship Program in the Omaha metro area. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to adult students in a non-traditional or transitional educational situation. EWI believes that the ASIST Program will positively impact the personal life, employment, family and community of the applicant.

## **Scholarship Awards:**

EWI Omaha has \$22,000 available to award scholarships in 2026. Amounts will vary based on the number of applicants and their respective needs. Historically, awards have been provided in the \$2,000-\$5,000 range. Awards can be used for the recipient's tuition and related expenses, which can include books and mandatory fees. Not included are items such as rent, utility payments, travel expense, day care expense or repayment of existing loans.

## **Application Criteria:**

The ASIST Scholarship is a non-discriminatory, educational scholarship program for the benefit of non-traditional students pursuing an associates, bachelor's or master's degree, or a certification program at an accredited educational institution. These include people who are:

- Past high school age and who are entering a college, university, or trade school and/or the workforce for the first time
- Non-traditional students already enrolled in a college, university, or trade school program
- Re-training due to changes in the workplace

Applicants for the EWI Omaha scholarship must reside in one of the following counties: Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy, Washington, and Otoe Counties in Nebraska and Harrison, Mills and Pottawattamie Counties in Iowa.

To apply, applicants must be able to:

- Clearly define their career goals and objectives.
- Specify the educational requirements to attain the above goals and objectives.
- Utilize re-entry programs or personal assessment programs available through colleges, universities, community agencies, service groups or career professionals.

### **Application Process:**

Applications are completed online. No paper applications will be accepted. Access is available at <https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/Asist2026> A link can also be found on the EWI Omaha website at <https://ewi-omaha.org/> under the Community/ASIST Scholarship section.

**The application deadline is March 31, 2026, at 11:59PM Central Standard Time.**

It is helpful if the following items are ready in advance as they will need to be uploaded:

- Transcripts from schools attending (or most recent school attended).
- Letters of Recommendation (2)
- Financial Documents
  - FAFSA
  - Other Scholarships awarded, etc.
- Essay (maximum 1000 words)

Applicants will need to create their own account on myKaleidoscope.com. This will allow an individual access to their application until the deadline. The applicant can continue to work on, refine or add additional material to their application even though the process says "submit". You must SUBMIT to save any changes.

### **Timeline:**

Application Period	January 9, 20206 to March 31, 2026, at 11:59 PM CST
Judging Period	April 3, 2026 to April 27, 2026
Award Notifications	By April 30, 2026
ASIST Banquet	May 27, 2026

Awards are made payable to the respective school. Scholarship awards are valid for one year from the date granted and must be paid within one year of being awarded. Unclaimed awards will be returned to the EWI Omaha chapter for redistribution.

Awardees may apply again for the scholarship. It is not limited to one award per individual.

**Corporate Scholarship:** One EWI Omaha chapter scholarship recipient will be submitted to the Executive Women International Corporate Board for consideration in the national ASIST Scholarship Program.

### **Questions:**

Please contact Diana Busche, EWI Omaha Scholarship Committee Chair if you have any questions about the scholarship or the application process.

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