HOW CAN I HELP?

I can become an ambassador for the Women’s Scholarship Program by…

• TELLING MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY
• giving a short presentation in my church
• sharing information with my colleagues
• organizing a fund-raising project
• starting an SOS chapter
• making an annual or monthly gift
• turning a hobby into a project for SOS
• writing for the women’s devotional book

We would love to have you write for the women’s devotional book. Submissions may be on a wide variety of spiritual topics. Each must be from a personal experience of God’s presence in the lives of women, or how those experiences apply to women’s lives. Global participation, with a varied cultural and ethnic flavor, is encouraged. All royalties go to the GC Women’s Ministries Scholarship Fund. Writers receive no payment. See guidelines at: adventistwomensministries.org.

WAYS TO GIVE

You may give

• ONLINE: at adventistwomensministries.org
  Go to Scholarshipping Our Sisters - Donate Now
• with a CREDIT CARD: by calling 301-680-6608
• by CHECK payable to: Women’s Scholarship Fund
  Mail to: Women’s Ministries Department
  General Conference of SDA
  12501 Old Columbia Pike
  Silver Spring, MD 20904

Please include:

Name ________________________________

Address ________________________________

(Optional)

☐ Gift is in honor/memory of ________________________________

☐ Use gift for the following school/major/country:

MAKE IT SPECIAL

• Give in memory of someone special
• Designate your gift for a specific country, major, or school
• Pledge a monthly or annual gift
• Provide a Challenge Grant
• Endow a scholarship
• Honor a favorite teacher

WOMEN’S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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WOMEN’S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

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LETS HELP OUR SISTERS!

Our Mission is to empower women, strengthen families, improve communities, and build up our church globally by supporting higher education for Adventist women in every Division.

BRIEF HISTORY

Recognizing that poverty and lack of education go hand in hand, in 1991 the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Women’s Ministries Department [GCWM], led by Rose Otis, established a scholarship program to help Adventist women in all Divisions obtain higher education.

Royalties from the annual women’s devotional book, first published in 1993, provided the primary funding for the women’s scholarship program in the early years.

But needs quickly outgrew the funds. Because of rising costs and increasing requests, many talented and dedicated women had to be turned down. In late 2003, a group of volunteers formed an auxiliary team, Scholarshiping Our Sisters [SOS] to raise funds for the women’s scholarship program. Donors, royalties, and special projects now fund this scholarship program. SOS operates in partnership with the GCWM Women’s Scholarship Program.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Any woman planning to attend a Seventh-day Adventist college or university in the Division in which she lives is invited to apply. Primary consideration is given to those in the last two years of college-level study. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need, ability and the recipient’s determination to improve herself. She must be committed to serving the Lord and dedicated to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

HOW MAY I APPLY?

• Application forms are available from the Women’s Ministries Director in your Division or at the GCWM website: http://adventistwomensministries.org
• To apply, you will be asked to submit a completed application, a photo, a transcript of your latest year in school and three recommendations written by your pastor, church leaders, and/or teachers.
• Applications should be submitted first to your conference Women’s Ministries (WM) director. Those selected will be sent on to the union WM director, then to the division WM director and finally to the GC WM director. Applications will be screened at each level.

SERVING AND LEARNING!

Fozia, from Fiji, is a full time student at Fulton College studying to become a teacher. She has experience as a teacher’s aide and has represented her school in oratory contests.

Fozia enjoys being a Pathfinder counselor and is also active with community projects such as cleaning health centers, visiting prisoners, and collecting trash along roadsides.

She works hard to pay her tuition because her family is unable to help. Her father’s only work is repairing shoes and handbags. Once she graduates, Fozia will be able to help her family, but above all, she hopes to influence her students to live for Christ.

GOLDEN GIRL

“I have been supported by ADRA at the orphanage since I was seven. [But] this will be my last year here due to lack of sponsorship.” As Lenice, an orphan, told her story, she mentioned tuition worries, but said, “I am sure God, my Father, will help me. Maybe you are God’s answer.”

Her own experience has prepared her for her present work at a children’s center, where her group of three-year-olds love her.

Lenice is studying nutrition at Brazil Adventist University. Her goal is to help people prevent disease through better nutrition. Both charismatic and diligent, she is described as “a golden girl, always involved in college activities,” one who exhibits kindness, humility, and perseverance.

BY BUS TO JESUS

Bodigerel, from Mongolia, grew up under Communism, and says that when that system collapsed, she and many others “felt the world had turned upside down.” One day while waiting for the bus she was handed a small yellow brochure about Jesus. This was the first time she had heard about Jesus. Sometime later, while riding the bus she overheard two girls talking about a book called a Bible. Listening carefully, she determined to find this book.

Excited, she told a friend, who said, “I know about that book. We read it at my church.” Soon Bodigerel visited the Adventist church and learned about God. She says, “I realized that step by step God lead me. He loves me.” Attending university in Ulaanbaatar, she says her goal is to spread God’s word in Mongolia.

The SOS Newsletter is available at www.adventistwomensministries.org