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MCWT Foundation Now Accepting 2012 Scholarship Applications
Organization to invest \$63,000 in educations of six technology-oriented women

DETROIT, Dec. 21, 2011 –The Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation is accepting applications for its ninth annual university scholarship, research grant and laptop grant program aimed at encouraging female students to pursue technology degrees and certifications at the college level. The 2012 competition is open to women of all ages.

The program covers:

- one high school senior scholarship (\$20,000)
- one undergraduate-level scholarship (\$15,000)
- one graduate-level student scholarship (\$15,000) currently enrolled or who will be enrolled in technology program college/university courses
- two MCWT active member scholarships (\$5,000 each) for the 2012/2013 academic year
- one graduate or undergraduate research grant (\$3,000)
- three laptop/printer combination grants

Through the scholarship program, the MCWT Foundation helps women pursue educational goals and become leaders in Michigan's technology industry. Last year's competition received 86 applications.

Applications are due by Jan. 31, 2012 to be considered for the 2012 fall semester. Award amounts are listed on the applications, which can be accessed by visiting [MCWT's scholarship page](#). Each form also lists applicant eligibility requirements:

"It's inspiring to see the talent and drive of the women who apply each year, and we look forward to recognizing next year's recipients," said Donna Cheesebrough, MCWT president and process information officer for General Motors. "Thanks to our generous corporate partners, this is one of our key programs that enable us to carry out our mission of helping more women consider, advance and stay in Michigan's technology community."

About MCWT

The Michigan Council of Women in Technology promotes opportunity for women and girls within Michigan's technology community. The organization supports Michigan's female IT workforce, students, corporate partners, schools and the overall community with networking, corporate IT leadership development, mentoring, technology experiences for professionals and students, and funding for technology-oriented education. Its nonprofit foundation is dedicated to correcting the growing trend of gender disparity in the IT field by providing programs that support the education and orientation of young women throughout school and fostering women in various stages of their professional lives. Find more information at www.mcwt.org and connect via [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and www.mcwtblog.org.

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