

2024 Westpac Women and Girls Education Grant

Application Form

Please complete all fields below neatly to ensure your application is eligible and easy to read.

First Name: Last Name: Age:

Home Address:

Phone Number:

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED TO CONTACT YOU SHOULD YOU WIN A GRANT

Email Address: Phone Number:

What School/Institution do you attend? (Add occupation if applicable)

How did you hear about the 2024 Westpac Women and Girls Education Grant?

- Poster/Flyer Media Article Newspaper Ad
 Westpac Branch Westpac Website Social Media
 Other (family, friends, word of mouth, etc.)

HOW TO APPLY?

To apply for the **Primary or Secondary School category**, please submit your poster or essay, fill out the application form and attach a scanned copy of your birth certificate. If you are selected, we will require an original copy of your birth certificate, so please have it ready.

To apply for the **Tertiary/Adult Learners category**, please submit your essay, complete the application form and submit one valid ID such as your Student ID, Electronic Voter ID, Driver's Licence, Passport, or FNPF/FRCS Joint ID.

This year's essay topics are related to the International Women's Day theme: **"Count Her In: Invest in Women. Accelerate Progress."**

PRIMARY SCHOOL SUBMISSION:

Draw a colourful poster to **show us what your best world would look like: where girls are given the support they need to succeed.**

Only A4 size paper will be accepted. Each poster must also have a short description of no more than 200 words.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SUBMISSION:

Write an essay (500 words max) on **what "Count Her In: Invest in Women. Accelerate Progress" means to you and how you would bring this to life in Fiji.**

Please write your essay on a blank sheet of paper and attach it with your application form.



TERTIARY/ADULT LEARNERS SUBMISSION:

Write an essay (1,200 words max) to **share an experience you've encountered or witnessed in Fiji that has shown how investing in women and girls has helped accelerate progress.**

Please write your essay on a blank sheet of paper and attach it with your application form.

VIDEO SUBMISSIONS:

Please note that **only Secondary School Students and Tertiary/Adult Learners** can submit videos. We have created the video submission option to allow applicants to express their ideas creatively. If you choose to submit a video instead of an essay, please ensure that:

- Your video clearly depicts the theme for the category you wish to apply for.
- The video is no longer than 3 minutes and the file size is less than 20MB.
- The ideas presented in the video are original and not copied from any other sources.

***All video submissions are to be made online. Visit our website www.westpac.com.fj or scan the QR code.**

By submitting this application, I understand that I will be requested to participate in publicity events associated with the Westpac Women and Girls Education Grant and have also understood and agree to the Terms and Conditions listed on our website **www.westpac.com.fj**

Signature (or signature of a parent or guardian)

Date _____ / _____ / _____

Once completed, please submit your application in one of the following ways:

- Post to:** Women & Girls Education Grant, Westpac Fiji, P.O. Box 238, Suva
- Hand Deliver:** At your local Westpac Branch
- Email:** wgeg@westpac.com.au

Applications close on 31 July 2024



Scan for more details



Terms & Conditions

By submitting this application, I understand that I will be requested to participate in publicity events associated with the Westpac Women and Girls Education Grant and have also understood and agree to the Terms and Conditions. This acceptance also applies to any parent or guardian representing any minors participating in this competition or grant.

Terms and Conditions of entry into the Westpac Women and Girls Education Grant Competition.

1. Information on how to enter and funding details form part of these terms and conditions. However, to the extent that there is any inconsistency between these terms and conditions and any other published material, these terms and conditions will prevail. By participating in this competition, each entrant fully and unconditionally agrees and acknowledges that these terms and conditions are binding. This competition is skill-based and chance plays no part in determining the winner.
2. The Sponsor is: Westpac Banking Corporation, registered in New South Wales with its branch operations in Fiji ("Westpac" or "the Sponsor").
3. Entry is free and open to all female residents of Fiji who are currently enrolled in either a Primary, Secondary or Tertiary educational institution or adult females who are working that intend to enrol in a recognised adult education course, and submit an entry in accordance with clause 4 by the deadline as per clause 5 (Entrant"). Employees and contractors of Westpac and their immediate families are not eligible to enter and applications will only be accepted from a girl or woman to benefit from the Grant. Applications written by someone other than the applicant will be deemed invalid.
4. To enter this competition, an eligible entrant must:
 - a. Complete an entry form with your name, address and contact details.
 - b. Provide a response to the question for the applicable category:
 - (i) Primary School – Draw a colourful poster to **show us what your best world would look like: where girls are given the support they need to succeed.**
 - (ii) Secondary School – Write an essay (500 words max) on what **"Count Her In: Invest in Women. Accelerate Progress" means to you and how you would bring this to life in Fiji.**
 - (iii) Tertiary/Adult Learners – Write an essay (1,200 words max) **to share an experience you've encountered or witnessed in Fiji that has shown how investing in women and girls has helped accelerate progress.**
 - c. Submit your entry via the Westpac Fiji website, post to **Women & Girls Education Grant, Westpac Fiji, P.O. Box 238, Suva**, or hand deliver to your local Westpac branch. No responsibility will be accepted by the Sponsor for lost, late, incomplete, illegible, or misdirected Entries.
 - (i) Entrants applying for the Secondary and Tertiary/Adult Learner Category can also have the option of submitting a video that clearly depicts the theme of their selected category. The video should be no longer than 3 minutes with a total file size of below 20MB when it is being uploaded. All submissions must be done via the online application process using QR code by visiting the website. USBs, emails, CDs or other forms of electronic means will not be accepted under this video category.
5. The deadline for entries closes on 31 July 2024 and is not subject to negotiation. Entries received after this time period will not be eligible. Entrants will not receive individual acknowledgement that their application has been received.
6. Plagiarism is defined as taking someone else's work or ideas and passing it off as one's own. Any and all forms of Plagiarism will not be tolerated in this competition. All applicants must not plagiarise content in their essays, poster drawings or video submissions. Participants can refer to the ideas of others to illustrate one's point but will need to do so using proper acknowledgement and citations.
7. All essay submissions will be checked for intellectual authenticity and against Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated content such as **ChatGPT** and other similar AI programs. Any essay submission that is found to be in breach of this will not be eligible as to promote fairness and equality amongst all applicants.
8. Multiple entries are not permitted and any extra entries received from the same applicant will be rendered ineligible. Previous grant winners will also not be eligible to enter in 2024. All entries need be submitted as one file (essay, video or hard copy submission). **Online applications** must be typed out using Word formatting only. Entries that require accessing or downloading from other websites will not be accepted. Do not include academic records or certificates as part of your entry and please avoid blank pages when scanning your entry.
9. A total of 30 Grants will be up for the taking this year:
 - a. **10 Primary School Grant Winners: The winnings will also include reimbursement of any education-related expenses (as described in clause 17) to the value of FJ\$500 per winner;**
 - b. **10 Secondary School Grant Winners: The winnings will also include reimbursement of any education-related expenses (as described in clause 17) to the value of FJ\$1,000 per winner;**
 - c. **10 Tertiary/Adult Learner Grant Winners: The winnings will also include reimbursement of any education-related expenses (as described in clause 17) to the value of FJ\$2,500 per winner.**



The total retail value of all 30 grants offered this year is FJD \$40,000 at the time of publication. The sponsor takes no responsibility for any variation in the Prize value. Prizes are not transferable, exchangeable or redeemable for cash. The category you apply for is the amount you will receive should your application be successful. The winning entries will be those determined to be the most original and imaginative, as judged by a panel of judges appointed by the Sponsor. The Eligible applicant(s) that submitted the winning entries will be declared the winner (“Winner(s)”). Judging of all entries will be conducted between **1 August 2024 and 30 September 2024** and the Judges’ decision will be final – no correspondence will be entertained. The Judges, at their discretion, may allocate fewer prizes than the total prize pool (including but not limited to circumstances where insufficient entries are received or entries are judged to be of a poor standard).

10. **The grant will be awarded to the winners from the date of announcement up to November 2024** (“Duration of Education Grant”). The amount awarded will be deposited into a Westpac bank account in the winner’s name.
11. Winners will be notified using the contact information provided on their application form. In the event the winner cannot be contacted and if the grant remains unclaimed for a period of 90 days, the grant will be forfeited. To claim the grant, the winner must respond to the notification in the manner that will be set out in the notification letter/email/ phone call. Applicants are responsible for keeping the Sponsor informed of any changes to their contact information during and immediately following the Competition Deadline.
12. The winners may be liable to declare the grant for taxation purposes and will be liable for any tax payable in respect of the grant money. Applicants should seek independent financial advice in relation to any tax payable on the grant and the potential impact on their personal financial situation prior to entering the competition.
13. Except for guarantees, warranties and conditions implied by law which cannot be excluded, neither the Sponsor nor any other member of the Westpac Group makes any guarantees, representations or warranties, express or implied, regarding the quality or suitability of any funding awarded under this Competition.
14. Nothing in these terms and conditions is intended to exclude, restrict or modify any right or remedy, or any guarantee, warranty or other term or condition, implied or imposed by any legislation which cannot lawfully be excluded or limited. If any guarantee, warranty, term or conditions implied or imposed under any applicable legislation in relation to any funding awarded under these terms and conditions cannot be excluded (a “Non-Excludable Provision”) and the Sponsor is able to limit the remedy for a breach of the Non-Excludable Provision, then the liability of the Sponsor and all members of Westpac for breach of the Non-Excludable Provision is limited to one or more of the following at the Sponsor’s option:
 - a. the replacement of the grant or the supply of an equivalent grant;
 - b. the supplying of the grant again;
 - c. the payment of the cost of replacing the grant or of acquiring an equivalent Prize;
 - d. the payment of the cost of having the grant supplied again.
15. To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Sponsor and all other members of Westpac expressly disclaim liability for any loss or damage whatsoever (including but not limited to indirect or consequential loss) or for any loss or damage which is suffered or sustained in connection with any applicant’s participation in this competition or the acceptance of any grant. The winner or applicant fully indemnifies the Sponsor, its employees, officers and all members of Westpac against any liability, injury, loss, or damage which may be suffered, incurred or sustained by the Sponsor or any member of Westpac arising out of, relating to, or in any way connected with, any act or omission (including negligence) by the applicant, Winner, or its use of the Prize, or its breach of these terms and conditions.
16. The Sponsor collects personal information from all applicants in order to conduct the competition. If the information requested is not provided, the applicant may not participate in the competition or claim a grant and their entry may be discarded. It is a condition of entry into the competition that the winner consents to the publication of their name and city of origin in any advertisements or articles relating to the competition or the grant and participates in any media releases which may include photographs of the winner by the Sponsor. By entering this competition, applicants consent to the use of their names and likenesses in this manner. Personally identifying information collected from applicants in this competition will be handled in accordance to Westpac’s confidentiality and privacy policies.
17. The winners may claim incurred educational expenses, which includes expenses incurred for the purpose of education. This includes the following: school/course fees, text books, stationery, private tuition, uniforms (“Educational Expenses”).
18. By participating in this competition, each applicant gives the sponsor a perpetual, non-exclusive, transferable, irrevocable, royalty-free, worldwide license to use, reproduce, publish, distribute and disseminate all intellectual property rights in entries that are capable of being assigned to the Sponsor and consents to the Sponsor and any other member of the Westpac Group, using, reproducing or editing and adapting any Entry, if the Sponsor wishes, in broadcast, electronic and print media, newsletters, in the Sponsor branch merchandising and related marketing activities in whole or in part without attributing that Entry to the person who created it.
19. If this competition is not capable of running as planned for any reason (including but not limited to failure or malfunction of any computer equipment which the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of this competition), the Sponsor reserves the right in its sole discretion to cancel this competition without any liability to any of the applicants or Winners (as applicable).
20. Sponsor may at its sole discretion disqualify any individual, applicant or winner who undermines the integrity or fair running of the competition for other Entrants and may also cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the competition.
21. Where the winner(s) has not utilised the funds within the Duration of the Education Grant, or is/are no longer participating in their education, whether it is due to lack of participation in their education program, not meeting the academic requirements of the course, personal reasons and any other reasons which render the winners no longer eligible to continue the course, it constitutes a forfeiture and the winners will forfeit the unused portion of the Grant. Westpac shall have ownership of these funds and direct the use of these funds in any manner it deems fit.

