

2026 ELKS Women Who Move Scholarship

Presented by the Women's Athletic Center of Reno ELKS Lodge 597

Purpose: Recognize and empower young women in the graduating cohort of 2026 who have demonstrated leadership, community volunteerism and good character with a goal to continue and have a positive influence on future generations.

Award: One time award of \$3,000 will be given to five qualifying applicants to be used for post-secondary education. Proof of acceptance will be required prior to distribution of scholarship money.

Qualifications: Open to women enrolled in high school through Washoe County School District and graduating in the 2026 cohort pursuing post-secondary education.

Selection Criteria: Decision will be strongly based on demonstrated community and/or volunteer service. Specifically, service which has provided opportunities of growth/enhancement to women and/or girls, and personal character of each young woman. The ELKS Women Who Move awardee determination is not solely based upon GPA, academic rigor, income, or athletic participation.

Deadline: Friday, March 20th, 2026

Submission Instructions:

- 1) Complete and print application including three letters of recommendation and personal essay option #1 or #2.
- 2) Mail Application to: (Postmarked no later than March 20th, 2026)

WAC Scholarship Committee

597 Kumle Ln.

Reno, NV 89509

(775) 825-0597

For additional questions email: ElksWAC597@gmail.com

Awardee Expectations and Notification Timeline: Awardee's will be notified no later than the first week of May. Recipients will be asked to attend a recognition event on May 20th, 2026 at 5:30 at the Reno ELKS Lodge on 597 Kumle Ln. during the Women's Athletic Center (WAC) monthly bingo fundraiser. Other recognition events are TBD.

2026 ELKS Women Who Move Scholarship Due: 3/20/2026

Application Date: _____

Name:

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address:

Number & Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Academics:

High school Name: _____ School Counselor _____

GPA: Weighted _____ Unweighted _____ Class Rank ____/____

ACT Score: _____ SAT Score: _____ ASVAB: _____

List the number of semester classes you have completed in Honors/IB/AP/Dual Credit:

English _____ Math _____ Science _____ Social Studies _____

List the number of classes you have completed in electives:

Art _____ World Language _____ Music _____ JROTC _____

Advanced Computer Science _____ CTE _____ Area of study in CTE _____

Other _____

Proposed major or collegiate/trade school fields(s) of study:

1) _____ 2) _____

Institution(s) of post-high school study. List in order of preference and if you have been accepted or acceptance pending:

1) _____
2) _____
3) _____

Financial Information:

Have you applied to FAFSA? Yes: _____ No: _____

How much do you estimate tuition will cost per semester? _____

How do you intend to pay for your education? Check all that apply:

___Scholarships ___Job ___Family contribution ___Savings

___Loans ___Financial Aide (FAFSA) Other: _____

Honors and Awards:

Include all academic, extracurricular and civic honors and awards during grades 9-12. State name of award and grade earned: Example – Girl Scout Gold Award, 11 & 12. Please do not abbreviate. Include an additional sheet of paper if needed.

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____
- 5. _____ 6. _____
- 7. _____ 8. _____
- 9. _____ 10. _____
- 11. _____ 12. _____
- 13. _____ 14. _____

Positions of Leadership:

State name of organization, position and grade(s). Indicate position held during grades 9-12 starting with most recent:

Example, Class President, 12,11. Key Club VP, 11. JV Volleyball Team Captain, 10.

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____
- 5. _____ 6. _____
- 7. _____ 8. _____
- 9. _____ 10. _____

Activities and Organizations:

Include all academic, extracurricular and civic organizations you participated in during grades 9-12 including those listed in "Position of leadership". State name of organization and grade involved, starting with those you participated in for 3 or more years, 2 years, than 1:

Example – Girl Scouts 9,10,11,12; Volleyball 10,11,12; Key Club 11,12.

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____
- 5. _____ 6. _____
- 7. _____ 8. _____
- 9. _____ 10. _____
- 11. _____ 12. _____
- 13. _____ 14. _____

Employment:

List all jobs you have held during grades 9-12 if applicable.

Name of Employer:	Job Description:	Dates of Employment:	Total Hours:
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____	_____

Community Service and Volunteer work:

List all community service and/or volunteer work you have held during grades 9-12 if applicable.

Agency or Organization: Description of Work: Dates of Participation: Total Hours:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____
- 11. _____
- 12. _____

Letters of Recommendation:

Include three Letters of Recommendation from a teacher, school counselor, coach, community leader or mentor; not a relative. Letters should include information of applicant’s personal character, leadership skills, service and influence to community and/or school and overall empowerment of others. List name and relationship below:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Personal Essay:

Include a 500-750 word personal essay on **one** of the two following essay prompt options.

- Option #1: Describe how you have demonstrated leadership or volunteerism in your school and/or community. include how your actions have inspired empowerment for women and/or girls.

- Option #2: What have you learned about leadership and how do you plan to continue serving others in the future.