

GWSS Scholarship Workshop Worksheet

OVERVIEW

- Anatomy of an application—what connects parts to the whole?
- Claims and Evidence—what’s the difference between telling and showing?
- Match made in heaven—how can you help funders achieve their goals?

DO YOUR HOMEWORK

- What is the scholarship—who and what does it honor?
- What experiences have you had that demonstrate your commitment to the purpose of the scholarship and the mission of the GWSS major?

MAKE YOUR CASE

What are your long-term goals, and how does your course work, activism, and work experience prove that you are *already* working toward that goal?

Every sentence in your application should clearly, crisply speak to the following—

- Make your claim—What is your unifying argument?
- Provide evidence—How can you prove your claim with one or two concrete examples as *evidence* that your education and experiences prepare you to be the perfect applicant?
- Connect claim and evidence—How can you guide the reviewers by tying those examples to the purposes of the scholarship?

END ON A HIGH NOTE

How will awarding you the scholarship not only help YOU, but also *help you to help* GWSS achieve our goal of creating a well-educated, publicly engaged, and active global citizens dedicated to making our world more just and equitable for all?

CHOOSE YOUR RECOMMENDERS WISELY AND HELP THEM HELP YOU

- Who is in the best position to reinforce the arguments you are making about your being a strong representative for the scholarship?
- How do you ask for letters of recommendation?
- How do you prep recommenders by providing helpful, concise information about the scholarship and your application?