



UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education

Call for nominations 2019

Deadline: 28 May 2019

The UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education honours outstanding and innovative practices advancing **girls' and women's education**, and in turn, improving the quality of their lives. Established in 2015, it is funded by the Government of the People's Republic of China and consists of two US \$50,000 awards to help further the work of laureates in this field. The Prize directly contributes to Sustainable Development Goals 4 and 5.

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Who can nominate?

Governments of UNESCO Member States via their National Commissions and Permanent Delegations to UNESCO, and **Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)** in official partnership with UNESCO can make up to **3 nominations**. Self-nominations are not accepted.

Who can be nominated?

Individuals, institutions or organizations advancing girls' and women's education through an **established and ongoing** project or programme which has been running for at least two years. Visit the website of the Prize for more details on eligibility and selection criteria. Interested? Contact your National Commission for UNESCO.

How to nominate?

Nominations should be submitted online in English or French **by 28 May 2019 (midnight, Paris time)**. Access online nominations at <http://unesco.org/gwe>.



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Online nomination process 2019 for UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education

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Who can be nominated?

Individuals, institutions or organizations having effectively contributed to the advancement of girls' and women's education. Nominations must focus on an established project or programme of the nominee, which has been running for at least two years, and meets the selection criteria.

How to nominate?

(1) The nomination form must be completed online in English or French via a platform accessible through the UNESCO website under the following link: <http://unesco.org/gwe>.

(2) Nominations must be submitted online by the Permanent Delegation to UNESCO of the concerned Member State, or by an NGO in official partnership with UNESCO, through their official UNESTEAMS account.

(3) It is possible for National Commissions for UNESCO to access and complete the online form. However, any nomination by a National Commission will need to be submitted by the Permanent Delegation to UNESCO of the respective Member State. An automatic notification message will be sent to the official e-mail address of the Delegation to this end.

(4) If a National Commission or Permanent Delegation to UNESCO wishes that the form be completed electronically by the nominees, UNESCO can create a UNESTEAMS account for each nominee. A request should be sent to GWEPrize@unesco.org before 20 May 2019. After completion of the online form by the nominee, the concerned National Commission and Permanent Delegation will receive a notification e-mail and can review the nomination before the Permanent Delegation submits to UNESCO.

(5) Attention should be paid to presenting the project/programme of the nominee in a clear and structured way, following the instructions given in the form and respecting the indicated word limit. All supporting material (e.g. action plans, publications, videos) must be transmitted electronically through the online system.

(6) Nominations must be submitted via the online platform by the concerned Permanent Delegations to UNESCO or NGO **by midnight of 28 May 2019** (UTC+1, Paris time). Kindly note that each Permanent Delegation or NGO may **not submit more than three nominations**.

For any question regarding the UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education or the nomination process, please contact the Secretariat of the Prize at the Section of Education for Inclusion and Gender Equality at UNESCO: Ms Justine Sass, Tel: +33 (0) 1 45 68 10 20; e-mail: GWEPrize@unesco.org).



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Explanatory Note for the 2019 Call for Nominations

A. Background

Since 2000, there has been real progress made in advancing girls' and women's access to education at all levels. But far too many girls face persistent barriers to their education, particularly those in emergencies and in conflict-affected and fragile states. 132 million girls remain out of school and 15 million girls, compared to 10 million boys, will never set foot in a classroom. Millions more drop out before completing the full cycle of education, and progress for the most marginalized is far too slow. Girls face challenges that prevent them from reaching their full potential, even when they have access to education. These include inadequate sanitation facilities, gender-based violence in and around school, child marriage, and gender norms and discrimination inside and outside of the classroom. Women make up two-thirds of the 750 million illiterate adults, linked to this historical disadvantage.

Educating a girl is one of the best investments her family, community, and country can make. Educated girls are more likely to be healthier, better paid in the workplace, and more empowered to participate in social, economic, civic and political affairs. This transformative effect contributes to a better world for us all.

The UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education rewards outstanding practices of individuals, institutions other entities or non-governmental organizations advancing girls' and women's education. The Prize was established by the Executive Board of UNESCO at its 197th session, and launched in 2016 with generous support by the government of the People's Republic of China. The Prize contributes to two Sustainable Development Goals: "Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all" (Goal 4) and "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls" (Goal 5).

B. Nominations

Nominations can be made by Governments of UNESCO Member States via their Permanent Delegations to UNESCO and National Commissions for UNESCO, and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in official partnership with UNESCO. Nominations must focus on an established project or programme of the nominee specifically advancing girls' and women's education. Each permanent delegation or NGO can make up to three nominations for any edition of the Prize. Self-nominations are not accepted. *See submission procedure below.*