Purpose and Award

Meg Eileenchild O’Hara played a pivotal role at PSU during the 1970’s in transforming an informal collection of classes focused on women and feminism into the vibrant degree-granting program that is Women’s Studies today. Meg’s vision of a program focused on feminist activism and student-centered learning lives on. As a woman whose education was interrupted, Meg understood the vital importance of student support programs and was influential in establishing the Mentor Program for Returning women Students at PSU. This scholarship has been established to give Women’s Studies majors and post-bac certificate students, whose education has been interrupted for three years or more, a one-time award to support their academic goals. The scholarship annual award is $350.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be Women’s Studies majors or post-bac certificate students who:

- Want to enter college after a significant period since attending high school or college; or
- Have recently enrolled at Portland State University after a significant interruption of three (3) or more years their education
- Must demonstrate need for financial assistance
- Must have either a high school diploma or G.E.D..
- Must have declared a BA/BS degree in Women’s Studies or a Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Women’s Studies
- Must have maintained a GPA of at least 2.5

Selection Process

Selection criteria for all of these scholarships include financial need and the potential for academic success.

Instructions

Please submit the following materials to the Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Office in XSB 150. Applications are due Monday, February 2, 2015 by 4:00 p.m.

- This cover page
- Completed application form (attached). Please answer all questions completely.
- A current financial aid (FAFSA) form or copy of most recent tax return.
- A copy of high school or college transcript(s) (whichever is applicable)
- A 500-word personal statement addressing the following questions;
  - Why was your education interrupted and how have you faced difficulties in completing your education?
  - Why are you majoring in Women’s Studies or seeking to obtain a Certificate in Women’s Studies?
  - Why are you seeking this scholarship and how will it help you reach your goals?
- One letter of recommendation from a faculty member who can speak knowledgeably about your academic achievements and potential.
Meg Eileenchild O’Hara Scholarship Application  (please print)

Date: _____________________

Name: ___________________________ Student I.D.: _______________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

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Phone Number: ___________________ Email Address: _________________________

Did you obtain a high school diploma _____or G.E.D._____? Year obtained___________

List any colleges or universities you have attended: Years attended:

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What is your class standing at PSU?

Freshman ____  Sophomore ____  Junior ____  Senior ____  Postbac ____

Enrollment Category: BA/BS Women’s Studies___________ Post-Bac Cert. in WS ______

Questions? Contact the Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies at 503-725-3516, wgss@pdx.edu.