HER SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

BACKGROUND

The Her Scholarship Program seeks to help women gain access to economic self-sufficiency and long lasting financial security through higher education. Scholarships are awarded to students at selected schools only. Scholarship amounts are a maximum of $3,000 for students at four year colleges and universities. Scholarships are granted annually to women who are full and part time students over the age of 35 attending college within the greater Milwaukee area and are renewable for two years.

Founded by Annette Stoddard-Freeman and Sally Grootemaat in 1994, the inspiration for the scholarship came from Annette’s own experience as a widow facing difficult financial circumstances after the death of her first husband. Over the years, many donors have given generously to build the fund for the benefit of women students.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

- Alverno College
- Mount Mary University
- University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

PURPOSE/USE

- The Her Scholarship may be used for tuition, books, fees, and equipment needed for coursework.
- Dollars from the Her Scholarship may not be used to replace institutional scholarships or grants that have been awarded to the student.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Completing first undergraduate degree
2. Sophomore status or above
3. Carry a minimum of 9 credits
4. 2.75 cumulative GPA
5. Female adult student, 35 years or older
6. Demonstrated financial need
7. Resident of Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington or Ozaukee County

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Clear articulation of educational goals and strong commitment to learning.
2. Awareness of the importance of women’s leadership.
3. Embodiment of the spirit of the Her Scholarship.
PROCESS

Interested and qualified students should submit all application materials to the Mount Mary Financial Aid Office no later than March 20th, 2014. Financial Aid staff will review and select applications to send to the Her Scholarship Committee.

The Her Scholarship Committee reviews the candidates and selects recipients in the spring. The student’s educational institution will be notified with an award letter from the Women’s Fund. The scholarship check will be sent to the college or university for distribution on behalf of the student in August. The scholarship is to be spread over two semesters.

Awardees are expected to attend a Her Scholarship reception, and they may be recognized in Women’s Fund publications such as the newsletter and at events.

The 2014 schedule for the Her Scholarship process is as follows.

- March 20th: Applications are due
- April: Her Scholarship Committee meets to select recipients
- May: Schools and students are notified of award
- June: Her Scholarship reception with recipients and donors
- August: Checks are distributed to schools

RENEWAL BY CURRENT HER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- Previous Her Scholarship recipients are eligible for two additional years.
- The recipient must send a letter and an official transcript no later than March 21st to the Women’s Fund of Greater Milwaukee.
- The recipient must have a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA and must have earned a minimum of 9 credits both semesters of the award year.
- The final decision to reward a renewal scholarship is at the discretion of the Her Scholarship Committee.
WOMEN’S FUND HER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(All information on this application will be considered confidential.)

Please print or type:

STUDENT'S NAME (First, Middle, Last) ____________________________________________

ADDRESS
(include city, state, zip)

______________________________________________________________

TELEPHONE NUMBER _______ _______ EMAIL ________________________________

STUDENT ID NUMBER_________________________ BIRTHDATE __________________

Please list all colleges attended, year, and any degrees earned.

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What program are you currently enrolled in? ________________________________

Current Class Standing: ________________  Current Grade Point Average: ________________
(freshman, sophomore, junior, senior)  (if an Alverno student, please leave blank)

Will you be a full-time student in the next school year? ________________________________

ON SEPARATE SHEETS OF PAPER, PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Personal Background and Education Goals: Please describe yourself and your education goals. Indicate why receiving this scholarship would be helpful to you. Describe a challenge you’ve overcome. Indicate any special circumstances you would like the selection committee to consider in reviewing your application.

2. Community Service: Please describe your past or present community service and interest in women’s causes listing organizations, clubs, etc. in which you have been active or have volunteered.

3. Recommendations: Applications must be submitted with recommendations from two faculty or staff members stating why the student is worthy of consideration.

4. Transcripts: Please include a copy of your school transcript (unofficial is acceptable).
CONSENT TO DISCLOSE EDUCATIONAL RECORD INFORMATION

I, ____________________________ (PRINT NAME) hereby authorize the ____________________________ (NAME OF SCHOOL) Department of Financial Aid to disclose and transmit to the Women's Fund of Greater Milwaukee and individuals involved with the Her Scholarship program a copy of my educational records described below:

- Contact information including current email address, school attended, semester and cumulative grade point averages, semester and cumulative credits completed, field of study or major, and actual or expected graduation date.

The purpose of this disclosure is to provide the Her Scholarship Committee with information regarding my eligibility for continuing scholarship assistance, and to collect data to measure the success of the scholarship program.

In addition, I authorize the Women’s Fund of Greater Milwaukee to use my name in Women’s Fund publications as a recipient of this scholarship.

The Women’s Fund does not disclose any personal information to any other organizations.

_________________________________________  _____________
Signature of Student  Date