SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION

Important Dates
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Postmark deadline: January 9, 2006
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Privately Funded Scholarships

CEW Scholarships were established in 1970 to recognize the outstanding competence, commitment and potential of women students who have had significant interruptions in their education. Criteria for choosing scholars are strength of motivation, promise of impact in a chosen field, academic record and potential, and creative and scholarly contributions appropriate for the applicant’s undergraduate, graduate or professional status. Financial need is considered in determining the amount of the Scholars’ awards.

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CEW scholarship applications are available through the CEW website http://www.cew.umich.edu or can be picked up at the Center.

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED
Harriet and Bryce Alpern Scholarship
Margaret Dow Towsley Scholarships
AAUW Scholarships
Gail Allen Scholarship
Ruth Jeanette Buttreys Scholarship
Collegiate Soroxy Foundation Scholarship
Lucile B. Conger Alumnae Scholarships
Molly H. Dobson Scholarship
Cecilia Anne Stiborik Dreyfuss Scholarship
University of Michigan Faculty Women’s Club Scholarship
Elise Choy Lee Scholarship
Jane Gibson Likert Scholarship
Dorothy Gies Mcguigan Scholarship
Sarah Winans Newman Scholarship
Aline Underhill Orten Foundation Scholarships
Linda J. Rider Scholarship
Elizabeth Ruthruff Wilson Foundation Scholarship
Helen Huff Shell Scholarship
Irma M. Wyman Scholarship
Elizabeth O. Yhouse Scholarship

AWARDS
Approximately 38 Scholarships are awarded annually ranging from about $1,500 to $8,000, with some larger scholarship awards given.

ELIGIBILITY
1. Applicants must have had an interruption in education during which no academic credit was earned. The interruption must be at least: a) 48 consecutive months, or b) a total of 50 months excluding interruptions of less than 8 months. If you feel your situation meets the intent if not the exact criteria and warrants an exception, please submit an explanation of your circumstances in writing for an evaluation by the Scholarship Committee prior to submitting an application.

2. Applicants should be pursuing a clear educational goal in any undergraduate, graduate or professional program, full or part-time, at any campus of the University of Michigan. Women in mathematics, physical sciences, engineering and other less traditional fields for women are especially encouraged to apply.

3. An applicant may concurrently be in the process of applying for admission; in that case, admission to the University must be confirmed by March 6, 2006. We encourage applicants to apply for admission to the University early.

4. Applicants who have received a CEW scholarship in the past are not eligible.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Postmark deadline is January 9, 2006 for all parts of this application. All applicants will be notified by mail of award decisions by the end of March. All applications are made to CEW Scholarships in general and not to any specific scholarship. In addition, it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the Center receives a complete application packet, as follows:

1. Complete the enclosed application and make four (4) copies.

2. Transcripts of all prior academic work should be received by January 9, 2006. A transcript from Fall 2005 will be accepted through January 16, 2006. High school transcripts are required if you have completed no further work.

3. Three (3) letters of recommendation accompanied by the enclosed forms from people who are familiar with your academic, professional and/or significant volunteer work. Recommendations should be postmarked by January 9, 2006.
Completed applications and supporting materials, including transcripts and letters of recommendation, must be postmarked or delivered to CEW by January 9, 2006.

_____ Check the eligibility requirements before you apply. If you have any questions about whether you are eligible, you may write the Scholarship Committee to explain your situation and ask for a determination of your eligibility before you submit an application.

_____ Read the instructions at the beginning of each section carefully.

_____ Type or print on single-sided sheets. Your application and supporting materials must be legible. Please use black ink.

_____ Be sure to include your Personal Statement with the application form.

_____ Order transcripts from all your previous educational institutions. You should allow six (6) weeks for the institutions to forward the transcripts to CEW. Remember that transcripts should be received at CEW by the postmark deadline of January 9. “Official” transcripts are not required; copies will be acceptable if they are legible. (Fall 2005 transcripts will be accepted through January 16, 2006.)

_____ Contact 3 professors, supervisors and/or colleagues you want to write recommendations at least four to six (4-6) weeks before the application deadline. This gives them time to write thoughtfully about your work and abilities and also time to meet the deadline. It is your responsibility to follow up on your references prior to the deadline. The people you choose to write on your behalf should be familiar with your academic, professional and/or significant volunteer work. It is helpful to provide them with a resume and information about your current academic, employment and volunteer activities and your educational goals and future plans. Personal friends and family members are not usually regarded as good choices for recommenders.

_____ Complete the Financial Statement, along with the Explanation of Financial Statement. The financial statement covers the period of September 2006 through August 2007. Please fill out the form accordingly. Estimates are acceptable.

_____ Please return 5 completed copies (the original and 4 copies) including budget and personal statement. Please complete and submit the card listing your references and transcripts.

**Do not staple documents. Attach by using paper clips or binder clips.**

These scholarships are competitive, and we expect to select approximately 38 recipients. It is your responsibility to be sure that your application is complete and legible, and that all supporting materials are received by the deadline. LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. If you have any questions, including whether your supporting materials have been received, feel free to contact CEW at (734) 998-7699.

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