

Women's Studies **Dorie Morinville Memorial SCHOLARSHIP**
UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION Academic year 2009-2010

This scholarship was established in loving memory of Dorie Morinville, who was a part of the Mankato area women's community from her late teens until her death at the age of 34. Dorie found acceptance and encouragement within the women's community and various community and private support systems. She was a "survivor" with a fierce and independent spirit. Dorie struggled throughout her life because of an unstable and sporadic educational background. Her battle was further complicated by personal struggles, but she still managed to attain her GED and attended Mankato Vocational College. The majority of her education came in the form of life experience and self-study. Dorie had an interest in supporting the advancement and healing of the lives of women, especially those lacking financial resources and social privilege. She advocated for self-realization, self-discovery, holistic and spiritual awareness, and she fought for the rights and equality of all people, or in her words "the underdog." Dorie left this life with dreams unfulfilled. This scholarship has been established in hopes of lessening financial obstacles in pursuit of education that will assist the recipient fulfilling her dreams. This scholarship was established for a working class Women's Studies student. We define "working class" broadly for the purposes of this scholarship: students who are among the first in their families to attend college, students who are fully or partially supporting themselves through work or student loans, and students who are supporting partners or children all qualify. Consideration is given to reentering college students, first generation college students, single parents, those who demonstrate high financial need, those who demonstrate an awareness of "inner self" and have a strong desire to "do what it takes" to succeed and bring balance to their personal, academic and private lives.

I. REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be a declared Women's Studies major or minor. Funds will be distributed in two equal installments of \$250 at the beginning of each semester through the Financial Aid office and will show up as a credit on the fee statement. Application deadline is March 20, 2009. We expect that you will attend the Social and Behavioral Sciences Scholarship dinner in April. Recipient of the award will be congratulated at the Women's Studies Spring Banquet. For further information, contact Cindy Veldhuisen (veldhc@mnsu.edu) in Women's Studies, Morris Hall 109, 507-389-2077.

II. AWARD CRITERIA

The primary selection criterion is the applicant's potential to contribute to improving the status of women in society through her scholarship and activism in Women's Studies. She must be a "working class Women's Studies student." The candidate must have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

III. BACKGROUND INFORMATION Name: _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Class Level _____ What is your undergrad major? _____ minor? _____

e-mail: _____ Tech ID _____

Women's Studies courses completed or in progress: _____

IV. Please respond to the following in no more than one typewritten page.

1. How did you become interested in Women's Studies and why are you interested?
2. Five years from now, how do you see yourself and others benefiting from your work in Women's Studies and violence prevention?
3. Tell us why you should receive this award and how you would benefit from it. Include any factors about your life situation (financial or otherwise) that you would like the committee to consider.
4. List three people (include telephone numbers) who are aware of your application for the scholarship and are willing to be a reference.

Please include an unofficial transcript.

Please return this form to: Women's Studies Department
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Mankato, MN 56001