

VALERE SCOTT SCHOLARSHIP
Women's Studies Program
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
DEADLINE: APRIL 10, 2009

DESCRIPTION

This scholarship pays special tribute to Valere Scott, a major supporter of the Women's Studies program for over a decade. Val is a religious studies scholar with a special interest in Judaism and a deep concern for women. Although Val lives in California, she is a native of the Southeast. In 1991 Cam Collins (Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies) informed Val that the WKU Women's Studies Conference, which attracted participants both nationally and internationally, received no university funding. When Val later learned of the work being done by Women in Transition, she became a major donor to the Women's Studies Program. Val continued to make large, annual donations to Women's Studies for the next ten years and visited the campus to witness the work being accomplished by the program. Val's early and generous support of Women's Studies was crucial to its survival. It gave its advocates the courage to continue their struggle to keep the program going and also provided an example that encouraged other donors to contribute to the Program. Val remains a lifelong friend of Women's Studies.

DISBURSEMENT

One scholarship of \$1,000 is awarded each academic year with no restrictions on spending.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Scholarship recipients must meet all criteria listed below by the beginning of the semester for which the scholarship will be awarded. Former recipients are eligible. Students must:

1. Have completed at least 30 semester hours, with an overall GPA of at least 2.8;
2. Be taking at least 12 semester hours;
3. Be a declared Women's Studies minor and have completed at least 6 semester hours of Women's Studies courses with a GPA of at least 3.0 in those courses;
4. Have a proven record of community service, activism and advocacy regarding women's issues, problems, and concerns.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The applicant will supply the selection committee with the following documents:

1. A college transcript;
2. Two letters of recommendation from faculty, staff, or administrators, indicating both the length and nature of the relationship with the applicant as well as the applicant's specific activist and leadership qualities;
3. An essay, no longer than 500 words, in which the applicant explains and discusses her or his involvement in community service, activism, and advocacy regarding women's issues, problems, and concerns, and what this experience has meant to the applicant's professional development.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

The Scholarship Committee will be responsible for soliciting applications and selecting recipients. Recipients will be announced at the annual Women's Studies Awards Luncheon on May 1, 2009.

