

# *The Esther Fund Graduate Scholarship*

## Graduate Scholarship in Gender & Women's Studies

WKU Gender & Women's Studies Program

*Spring 2018 Application—Deadline: March 23, 2018*

### **DESCRIPTION**

This fund honors Jay Fiene's mother and all the Esthers in the world who have lacked opportunity not ability. This scholarship assists graduate students enrolled in the WKU GWS Graduate Certificate who wish to further serve and educate on behalf of women. Dr. Fiene says, "Mom was taken out of school after 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but she was an education advocate. No one in my family has gone past a bachelor's except me, and many haven't finished college. Many days, her support and encouragement carried me. So, in her honor—in that Esther moved me just as Esther moved Haman, ruler of the enemy camp, on behalf of her people—let the Esther Fund move women forward."

### **DISBURSEMENT**

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

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

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

1. Be officially enrolled in the **Gender & Women's Studies Graduate Certificate**;
2. Have completed or be in the process of completing a minimum of 6 graduate semester hours with an overall grade point average of at least 3.0;
3. Be taking at least 6 semester hours;
4. Have completed or be in the process of completing one of the core courses in Gender & Women's Studies;
5. Demonstrate commitment to improving women's lives through scholarship, service, activism and/or advocacy regarding women's issues, problems, and concerns.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

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

1. Complete application;
2. A college transcript;
3. One letter of recommendation
4. A writing sample that demonstrates a particular feminist historical, theoretical, or methodological perspective.

### **SELECTION PROCEDURES**

The Scholarship Committee will be responsible for soliciting applications and selecting recipients. Recipients will be announced at the annual Gender & Women's Studies Awards Ceremony from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on April 23, 2018 at the Faculty House.

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**THE ESTHER FUND GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**  
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1. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*last*
*first*
*middle/former*

2. Local Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*street*
*city/state*
*zip*

3. Phone (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Currently enrolled? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no    Expected Date of Graduation? \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

5. GRADUATE PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_

    UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_    MINOR: \_\_\_\_\_

6. GPA: GRADUATE LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_    UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_

    6b. Semester hours earned prior to current semester \_\_\_\_\_

7. Have you filed *Form C* for the Graduate Certificate in Gender & Women's Studies? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

8. List any Gender & Women's Studies courses that you have completed and/or currently taking:

<i>Date Completed</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Grade</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
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9. Professional and volunteer experience:

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10. Campus/Community Activities and Responsibilities (include memberships and offices held):

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**Other Required Documents**

In addition to this form, please supply an unofficial grad transcript, and one letter of recommendation, a writing sample that demonstrates a particular feminist historical, theoretical, or methodological perspective.

Completed materials may be dropped off at the Diversity & Community Studies House (1532 State Street).

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