

The Esther Fund Graduate Scholarship

Graduate Scholarship in Gender & Women's Studies

WKU Gender & Women's Studies Program

Spring 2019 Application—Deadline: March 22, 2019

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 8th 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. Two letters 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 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on April 22, 2019 at the Faculty House. We ask that recipients be present at the awards ceremony and prepare comments of about two minutes.

