

VALERE SCOTT UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Gender & Women's Studies Program
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
DEADLINE: MARCH 22, 2019

DESCRIPTION

This scholarship pays special tribute to Valere Scott, a major supporter of the WKU Gender & 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 GWS 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 GWS 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 WKU GWS.

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 Gender & Women's Studies minor and have completed at least 6 semester hours of Gender & 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

A complete application will include the following: application form, two letters of recommendation, an unofficial transcript, and a typed 500 word essay in which you discuss how you have been involved in community service, activism, and advocacy regarding women's issues, problems, and concerns, and what this experience has meant to you in terms of your professional development. Applications can be picked up at the Diversity & Community Studies House.

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.

