

## **CATHERINE C. WARD UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

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

### **DESCRIPTION**

This scholarship pays tribute to Professor Catherine Ward (English) for her service to WKU's Gender & Women's Studies program. In 1988, Ward and a group of students founded Women in Transition (WIT), a support group for non-traditional women students. Ward also worked with a faculty committee led by Carol Crowe-Carraco (History) to initiate the Women's Studies minor and served as the Program Director for almost five years. For four years, Ward was the general chair of the WKU Women's Studies conference. In her retirement, she remains an advocate for women on campus and at the state and national levels. In addition to her ongoing work with the Gender & Women's Studies Program, she serves on the Board of Trustees for the WKU Foundation, the Student Life Foundation, President Ransdell's Advisory Board, and the Kentucky Foundation for Women. Ward has also been active as a women's health advocate in Kentucky and Tennessee and has lobbied Congress on women's health issues.

### **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 3.0;
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 Women's Studies courses with a GPA of at least 3.0 in those courses;
4. Have demonstrated scholarly excellence.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

A complete application will include the following: application form, two letters of recommendation, an unofficial transcript, and a sample of scholarly writing, e.g., a paper written for a course, which demonstrates applicant's ability to engage in feminist scholarship. 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.

