

# CAROL E. MACPHERSON

## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

### ALUMNAE SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP



#### CAROL E. MACPHERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: HONORING A SEEKER AND LEADER

The Carol E. Macpherson Memorial Scholarship was established to assist women who, like Carol, are seekers. It memorializes Carol's undying concern for fairness, for providing opportunities for women to find new paths, for the value of a thinking mind to ask difficult questions, and for respecting the nurturing roles women continue to play even as they take on various new responsibilities in their families and communities. Carol would be pleased to learn of the extraordinary accomplishments of Macpherson scholarship seekers and would applaud the adversities they overcome to pursue education and a better life.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Women students (28 years or older) who have had five-year or longer breaks in their post-secondary education
- Demonstrated financial need
- Admission or pending admission to an undergraduate or graduate/professional degree or credit certificate program at any U of M campus
- Meet half-time enrollment status minimum
- Provide academic transcripts of all college/post-secondary enrollment
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) filed at least THREE weeks before the scholarship deadline – turn in the Student Aid Report (SAR) with your application
- Good academic standing at the University of Minnesota
- Submit support letters from two references who have known student & her educational goals

#### SELECTION CRITERIA

Evidence of academic achievement, strength of the candidate's personal statement, reference letters indicating educational goals and academic promise, financial need, and special circumstances.

Additionally, applicant selection is "weighted" by the following characteristics:

- First generation in family to attend college
- First undergraduate degree
- Student parent status

#### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Applicants will be notified of their award status at the end of May. These one-time awards range from \$1,000–4,000 for the academic year. The Office of Student Finance sends award checks to scholarship winners at the beginning of fall and spring semesters, generally in two equal disbursements. [The Women's Center must also receive evidence of enrollment (fee statement copy) from the student.]

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL AID AND OTHER RESOURCES

- FAFSA on the Web—online application at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- U of M One Stop Student Services Centers  
Twin Cities [www.onestop.umn.edu/](http://www.onestop.umn.edu/) Duluth [www.d.umn.edu/students/](http://www.d.umn.edu/students/)  
Crookston [www.crk.umn.edu/people/onestop/](http://www.crk.umn.edu/people/onestop/) Morris [www.mrs.umn.edu/onestop](http://www.mrs.umn.edu/onestop)  
Rochester [www.r.umn.edu/07\\_student\\_services.htm](http://www.r.umn.edu/07_student_services.htm)
- Financial Resources Wizard—online interactive Web tool that asks you a series of questions and identifies options that are likely to match your situation <http://frw.cce.umn.edu/frwizard>

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## APPLICANT

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Last First MI

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID Date Of Birth (Month/Day/Year) Gender

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Email

Status:  Married/Partnered  Divorced  Widowed  Single  Other

## OPTIONAL you do not have to fill out this information if you do not wish to

Racial/Ethnic identities: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a disability?  Yes  No

If yes, is it certified by Disability Services?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe. \_\_\_\_\_

## ACADEMIC PROFILE

Year of graduation from high school or GED: \_\_\_\_\_

List in chronological order of attendance ALL educational institutions after high school, including the U of M. (Use additional pages, if necessary). **Attach transcripts for all institutions listed below.** Unofficial transcripts issued to students are acceptable.

Institution	Dates	Attended	Major	# Credits
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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University of Minnesota degree or certificate program to which you have been admitted.  
If you have not been admitted, indicate the program to which your admission is pending.

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**FINANCIAL PROFILE**

Financial information given is confidential and will be shared only with the Macpherson Memorial Selection Committee.

**HOUSEHOLD SIZE**

(include yourself, spouse/partner, children for whom you provide more than half financial support, and other persons who live with you and for whom you provide more than half financial support.)

Household size	Number of dependents	Ages of dependent children
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**HOUSEHOLD CURRENT MONTHLY GROSS TAXABLE INCOME** (before deductions for taxes, Social Security, etc.). Include income from employment, unemployment benefits, interest and dividends and all other sources. Include spouse/partner's income, if any.

\$ Applicant income	\$ Spouse/partner income
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**HOUSEHOLD CURRENT MONTHLY UNTAXED INCOME.** Include income from child support, Social Security, MFIP, General Assistance, and all other sources. Include spouse/partner's untaxed income, if any.

\$ Applicant income	\$ Spouse/partner income
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Sources of household income

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**LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT** that best describes your situation (and spouse/partner, if applicable)

Applicant:       full-time     75% time     50% time     25% time     unemployed  
 Spouse/Partner:  full-time     75% time     50% time     25% time     unemployed

**HOUSEHOLD CURRENT MONTHLY SPECIAL EXPENSES**

(medical/dental expenses not covered by insurance, childcare while working/attending school, health/dental insurance premiums not paid by employer, child support paid to children not living in the household, repayment of educational loans).

Type	Amount

**ACADEMIC YEAR INCOME AND SPECIAL EXPENSES:** If you expect your household income and/or special expenses to change during this academic year, please explain the changes in each type of income or special expenses and the new amounts.

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**FINANCIAL AID:** Please list grants, scholarships, fellowships, Regents Scholarship, tuition waivers, employer assistance, or other financial assistance awarded to you for this academic year.

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**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Describe the following in 500 or less

- Educational & career goals and how this award would help you attain them.
- Personal/family responsibilities (i.e. children/elder family member care, etc.)
- Work experience, volunteering, community or student activities, and leadership positions

Sign and date your personal statement.

**REFERENCE LETTERS**

Provide two reference letters (using the attached form).

These forms and accompanying reference letters should be addressed and sent directly by your references to the Macpherson Scholarship Selection Committee c/o Office for University Women OR included in your application in a sealed envelope signed by the writer across the seal. *Applications will not be forwarded to the Selection Committee without letters of reference/support.* References should be a counselors, advisors, instructors, or work supervisors who knows applicant well. List names, addresses, telephone numbers of references below.

Name	Addresss	Phone#
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Name	Addresss	Phone#
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I certify that all information submitted in/with this application is accurate and true regarding my own situation (and my spouse/partner's and/or parents' situation, if applicable). I understand that the information is confidential and may be used for evaluation and selection by the Carol E. Macpherson Scholarship Committee. I agree to provide docuemntation of financial information if requested by the Committee.

Signature	Date
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If awarded a scholarship, I permit the Office for University Women and the University to use my name in promotional, advertising, or fund-raising activities.

Signature	Date
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How did you first learn about the Carol E. Macpherson or Alumnae Scholarship?

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**REFERENCE LETTER**

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(This should be filled out by a college counselor or advisor, an instructor, clergy member, or volunteer/work supervisor who knows the applicant well should complete this cover sheet and an accompanying reference letter. A minimum of two letters are required.)

Applicants full name

You have been asked to provide information in support of this applicant. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following in your letter. When complete, please return this form and your reference letter to the Women's Center (see address below). Or, if you prefer, return them to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal.

- Academic ability and/or promise
- Motivation and persistence, particularly in adverse circumstances
- Organizational skills
- Ability to set realistic, attainable goals
- Curiosity and initiative
- Problem solving and resourcefulness
- Community service and involvement

**REFERENCE PROVIDED BY**

Full Name

Relationship to applicant

Title

Organization/Company

Address

Phone

Date

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