



Mountain Plains Adult Education Association

Larry B. Wickham Memorial Scholarship for Graduate Studies

The Mountain Plains Adult Education Association (MPAEA) offers up to \$1000 annually (based on available funding) to a graduate student enrolled in a graduate degree program in adult education or closely related field or in a college or university located in one of the eight Mountain Plains member states.

The primary intent of this scholarship is for tuition, books and school-related expenses. The MPAEA Scholarship Committee will select a Memorial Scholarship winner plus two alternates, all of whom will be notified one month after the application deadline. The recipient of the Memorial Scholarship for Graduate Studies will be announced at the MPAEA Annual Conference. This scholarship is valid for the following academic year.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible, a student must meet the following criteria:

1. Be enrolled in a graduate degree program in an MPAEA member state (student does not have to be a permanent member of that region);
2. Be pursuing a graduate degree in adult education or closely related field;
3. Be a graduate student who has not previously received this scholarship;
4. Be a member of MPAEA or submit a membership application along with this scholarship application.

INSTRUCTION TO APPLICANT

1. Review the criteria for eligibility before applying for the scholarship.
2. Contact your state MPAEA Board member for a copy of the application or download it from the MPAEA Website: www.mpaea.org.
3. Complete the application, with all applicable and required information and documentation.
4. Submit the application electronically **by February 28, 2010 to:**

Kelsee Miller, MPAEA Scholarship Chairperson
Casper College
125 College Drive
Casper, WY 82601
307-268-2895
kmiller@caspercollege.edu

5. Address questions to Kelsee Miller (email: kmiller@caspercollege.edu).

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Date _____

2. Applicant _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

3. Home Address _____
(Number and Street)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

4. Social Security Number _____

5. Home Telephone Number (____) _____
Work Telephone (____) _____

6. Fax Number (____) _____ Email _____

7. Academic Year for which you are applying _____

8. References: List two personal references (not relatives), and attach letters of recommendation.

(Name) (Address) (City)

(State) (Zip Code) (Phone) (E-Mail)

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9. Are you a United States Citizen? Yes _____ No _____

10. State of Legal residence _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION

11. Name and address of college or university you will attend

(Name)(City) (State) (Zip Code)

- 12. Officially admitted to graduate school? Yes_____ No_____ When_____
 - 13. Credit hours completed at end of current semester_____
 - 14. Your graduate major_____
 - 15. Cumulative undergraduate G.P.A._____ Cumulative graduate G.P.A_____
 - 16. Degree you expect to complete_____
 - 17. Expected date of graduation_____
 - 18. Other degrees completed _____
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- 19. Honors, awards, special recognition received _____
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NARRATIVES

- 20. Complete a brief summary outlining your educational goals and career aspirations. Do not exceed two (2) typewritten pages, double-spaced.
- 21. Describe the contributions you can make in the future to the field of adult and continuing education. Do not exceed two (2) typewritten pages, double-spaced.
- 22. Submit a response addressing why this scholarship will be of financial importance to you. Limit your response to 75 words.
- 23. Please enclose a proposed budget as to how you would use the scholarship funds.

APPLICANT’S STATEMENT

- 24. If I am granted this scholarship from the **Mountain Plains Adult Education Association**, I understand and affirm the following:
 - A. I must regularly enroll to receive this award
 - B. If I withdraw from graduate school after one semester (or quarter), I will forfeit the remainder if the award.
 - C. All the information stated is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant’s Signature_____ Date_____

VERIFICATION

25. Please attach an electronic copy of student's acceptance letter to graduate school.

AWARD PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Announcement of the award recipient and two alternates will be made at the annual conference.
2. Checks will be sent to the recipient for the proper disposition. Scholarship will be made in two installments, one sent at the beginning of each term. The payment is initiated by sending a copy of registration verifying enrollment each semester.
3. The recipient is expected to submit an article for the *MPAEA Journal of Adult Education* and complete at least one of the following: a videotape, manual, or presentation of work at the annual conference. A presentation is preferred, with the other options available if recipient is unable to attend the conference. This requirement is made to facilitate the professional growth of the recipient as well as to ensure the dissemination of current research and knowledge among MPAEA members.
4. The scholarship is awarded in full to one applicant only and is awarded only once a year.
5. Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria, **each weighted at 25 percent of the total score:**
 - Educational and Career Goals
 - Contribution to the Field of Adult Education
 - Statement of Financial Need
 - Academic and Professional History