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 2007-08 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

Additionally, applicant selection is “weighted” by the following characteristics:
• First generation in family to attend college
• First undergraduate degree
• Student parent status

Review 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. The completed application and all required materials must be submitted by the April 30, 2007 deadline.

Scholarship Awards:
OUW will notify applicants 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. [OUW 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
U of M One Stop Student Services Centers
   Twin Cities www.onestop.umn.edu/ Duluth www.d.umn.edu/students/
   Crookston www.crk.umn.edu/people/onestop/ Morris www.mrs.umn.edu/onestop
   Rochester 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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Personal profile

Last name              First                MI              Student ID
_____________________________________________________________________________
Street Address
_____________________________________________________________________________
City               State                         Zip
_____________________________________________________________________________
Daytime phone             Email
________________________________________________________________________________
Date of Birth:       Month  Day  Year                               Gender
Status:  __Married/Partnered __Divorced   __Widowed __Single    __Other
Racial/Ethnic identities (optional): ____________________________________________
Do you have a disability? (optional) If yes, please describe. ________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
Is your disability certified by Disability Services? ___Yes    ___No

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.

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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______________

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.

Student $_______________ Spouse/partner $______________

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.

Student $_______________ Spouse/partner $______________

Sources of household income: __________

Level of employment that best describes your situation (and spouse/partner, if applicable)--full-time, 75% time, 50% time, 25% time, unemployed

Student ________________ Spouse/Partner ________________

Household current monthly special expenses (medical/dental expenses not covered by insurance, child care 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). Please list type/amount of each monthly special expense you are paying.

2007-08 academic year income and special expenses: If you expect your household income and/or special expenses to change during the 2007-08 academic year, please explain the changes in each type of income or special expenses and the new amounts.

2007-08 financial aid: Grants, scholarships, fellowships, Regents Scholarship, tuition waivers, employer assistance, or other financial assistance awarded to you for 2007-08.

Personal statement (not to exceed 1,000 words) describing:

- 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.

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Reference/Support 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.

First reference name ___________________________________________ Phone__________________________
Address ________________________________________________________________
Second reference name ___________________________________________ Phone ________________________
Address ________________________________________________________________

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 documentation of financial information if requested by the Committee.

Signature_______________________________________ Date_________________________

YES, 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_______________________

How did you first learn about the Carol E. McPherson or Alumnae Scholarship?
______________________________________________________________________________

Submit application to:
Office for University Women, 185 Klaeber Court, 320 16th Ave S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455. Questions: 612-625-9837 or 612-625-6039    Fax: 612-624-9028

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(See next page for Reference Letter Cover Sheet)
(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.)

Applicant 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 Office for University Women (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 name ____________________________________________

Relationship to applicant ____________________________________

Title _____________________________________________________

Organization/company ________________________________________

Street address __________________________________________________________________

City _______________________ State ________ Zip _____________

Daytime telephone ___________________ Date __________________

PLEASE SEND THIS COVER SHEET AND REFERENCE LETTER TO:
The Carol E. Macpherson Memorial Scholarship – Honoring a Seeker & Leader

Carol E. Macpherson met her future husband in 1944 at the University of Chicago. They married in 1949, when she was 22, just before the Korean War began in 1950. Carol was expecting their first child when Rod went to war. She completed her BA in 1950, and when her husband returned safely from the war, the family moved to Minnesota in 1952. By 1958, there were three sons and a daughter.

The 1960s were years of turmoil and significant cultural change. Carol joined women friends in Civil Rights marches, writing conscientious objector letters for sons who refused to serve in Vietnam, and volunteering. She and her women friends also struggled with questions about their identities as wives, mothers, and concerned human beings who wondered how to develop one’s own personal potential and interests while also helping to make a better world. Carol was always a questioner and a prodder. She not only asked "Why?" and "How?" but also encouraged friends to seek new answers, cross boundaries, take on battles about right and wrong, about fairness and giving everyone a chance.

Carol considered returning to school to pursue graduate study in anthropology, but found that acceptance into graduate study was a frustrating process. She had difficulties getting credits transferred from the University of Chicago, as she hadn’t had the most stellar transcript as a young woman. She was also unaware of anyone helping older women students re-enter the complex world of academe. She completed a class as an “Adult Special,” and inspired three other women friends to give higher education a try. As always, Carol was a leader in learning how to maneuver through the system.

Continuing to wrestle with big questions, Carol never lived to find answers for herself. Instead, she fought a long, losing battle with cancer, and when she died in February 1975, her family sought to commemorate her contributions to women. The Carol E. Macpherson Memorial Scholarship is the result of their respect, love, and admiration for a caring leader among women.

(edited/condensed version of 1986 Sally Flax essay)