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## MEG EILEENCHILD O'HARA SCHOLARSHIP

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### Purpose and Award

Meg Eileenchild O'Hara played a pivotal role at PSU during the 1970's in transforming an informal collection of classes focused on women and feminism into the vibrant degree-granting program that is Women's Studies today. Meg's vision of a program focused on feminist activism and student-centered learning lives on. As a woman whose education was interrupted, Meg understood the vital importance of student support programs and was influential in establishing the Mentor Program for Returning women Students at PSU. This scholarship has been established to give Women's Studies majors and post-bac certificate students, whose education has been interrupted for five years or more, a one-time award to support their academic goals. **The scholarship annual award is \$350.**

### Eligibility Requirements

**Applicants** must be women who:

- Want to enter college after a significant period since attending high school or college; or
- Have recently returned to Portland State University after a significant interruption of 5 or more years their education
- Must demonstrate need for financial assistance
- Must have either a high school diploma or G.E.D..
- Must be an admitted student pursuing a BA/BS degree in Women's Studies or a Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Women's Studies
- Must have maintained a GPA of at least 2.5

### Selection Process

Selection criteria for all of these scholarships include the **potential for academic success** and **financial need**.

### Procedures

Please submit applications, including the following information, to the Women's Studies Office, 469 Neuberger Hall. **Application Deadline is 4:00 p.m. Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.**

- Completed Application Form: Form is attached. Please answer all questions completely.
- A current financial aid (FAFSA) form or copy of most recent tax return.
- A copy of high school or college transcript(s) (whichever is applicable)
- A personal Statement (1 page or less) addressing the following questions;
  - Why was your education interrupted and have you faced any difficulties in completing your education?
  - Why are you majoring in Women's Studies or seeking to obtain a Certificate in Women's Studies?
  - Why are you seeking this Scholarship and how will it help you reach your goals?
- Names, titles (if applicable), addresses and telephone numbers of 2 references. Please indicate the capacity in (workplace, academia, etc...) which you have known these individuals.

## Application

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student I.D. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Alternate) \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Did you obtain a high school diploma \_\_\_\_\_ or G.E.D. \_\_\_\_\_? Year obtained \_\_\_\_\_

List any colleges or universities you have attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Years attended: \_\_\_\_\_

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Portland State University considers you a: (check one)

Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Category: BA/BS Women's Studies \_\_\_\_\_ Post-Pac Cert. in WS \_\_\_\_\_

*Please direct additional questions to the Department of Women's Studies, 503.725.3516.*