2023-2024 Mary Jane Young Scholarship
St. Catherine University

This scholarship is awarded annually to re-entry transfer student parents who demonstrate academic promise, perseverance, and a sense of vision. Awards typically range from $500 to $3,000. The scholarship was established by the estate of Mary Jane Young, a psychiatric social worker, who believed in empowering women through education and was committed to providing opportunities for re-entry women to pursue their educational goals.

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Application is open to re-entry transfer students currently enrolled in or accepted for admission to St. Catherine University baccalaureate programs in the College for Women.

An applicant must:
- be at least 23 years of age
- be either a single parent with custody of children or a married parent who delayed higher education to raise a family
- have completed at least 30 semester credits (45 quarter credits) with a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or above (The applicant must not have a previous baccalaureate degree.)
- be enrolled in a St. Catherine College for Women baccalaureate program as at least a half-time student (6 credits per semester) during the 2023-2024 academic year

To apply:
- Complete this Scholarship Application Form (please print clearly).
- Please write an essay explaining how you meet the criteria for this scholarship. Be sure to provide specific examples that support your candidacy for the award. (The essay should be doubled spaced and no more than 750 words.)
- Use the Faculty Recommendation Form (attached) to obtain two faculty recommendations, and if desired, one non-faculty recommendation that can speak to the award criteria.
- Scholarship application form, essay, and recommendation letters must be submitted through email.

Selection Criteria:
Academic promise, perseverance, and a sense of vision.

Scholarship Application Deadline: 4 p.m. Monday, April 3, 2023

This is a firm deadline: late submissions will be considered only if those meeting the deadline are not selected.

Applicants will be notified of the results by end of May

Questions? Contact Jewelly Lee at aqmcenterforwomen@stkate.edu.
For further information and/or application materials, visit us online at: www.stkate.edu/centerforwomen
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Scholarship Application Form

Name (print clearly): ________________________________

First                 Middle              Last

SCU ID # (if applicable): ___________________ Campus mailbox #: ____________

Date of birth (month/date/year): ____________ Phone: __________________________

Permanent address: ___________________________________________________________

St. Kate’s e-mail address (print clearly): ______________________________________

Alternate e-mail address (print clearly): ______________________________________

Major field(s) of study: ______________________________________________________

Anticipated month/year of graduation: _______________ Cumulative GPA: __________

Previous college(s) attended: ________________________________________________

MEDIA RELEASE CONSENT
If you are selected to receive the scholarship, we would love to highlight your achievement! Would you
give us permission to share an excerpt from your essay, along with a photo of yourself (optional) on our
social media channels and/or website? If yes, please sign below.

Signature___________________________________________ Date_____________________

Scholarship Application deadline is 4 p.m. Monday, April 3, 2023

Submit completed application to aqmcenterforwomen@stkate.edu
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT:

Applicant’s name (print clearly): ____________________________________________

Applicant’s address: ______________________________________________________

Applicant’s phone: __________________________ E-mail: _______________________

I authorize ________________________________ (name of recommender) to complete this recommendation form, with the understanding that the information will be kept confidential.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDER:

The Mary Jane Young Scholarship encourages re-entry student parents to continue their education at St. Catherine University’s College for Women. Recipients should demonstrate academic promise, perseverance, and a sense of vision. We ask that you rate the candidate for characteristics identified with these criteria.

For each characteristic, please consider the following two questions: First, from your direct observation, what has the person demonstrated? Second, what is your assessment of this individual’s potential to develop the characteristic?

Key for the Rating Scale:
NA (Not Applicable) = I am unable to answer because I do not know the candidate well enough.
1 = A significantly weak characteristic of the candidate.
2 = A weak characteristic.
3 = The candidate is average in this area.
4 = A strong characteristic.
5 = A very strong characteristic of the candidate.

Motivation
Demonstrated Rating______ Potential Rating______

Initiative
Demonstrated Rating______ Potential Rating______

Critical Thinking
Demonstrated Rating______ Potential Rating______

Oral Communication Skills
Demonstrated Rating______ Potential Rating______

Written Communication Skills
Demonstrated Rating______ Potential Rating______
Perseverance
Demonstrated Rating_____ Potential Rating_____

Sense of Vision
Demonstrated Rating_____ Potential Rating_____

Please address the following in your recommendation:

-How long have you known the candidate and in what capacity?

-Please discuss the candidate’s academic promise, perseverance, and sense of vision, providing examples that demonstrate the characteristics listed above. **Note: We recommend approximately 200–400 words for this discussion.**

Thank you for your willingness to provide this assessment.

Name of Recommender (please print):__________________________________________
Title:_______________________________________________________________________
Address:_____________________________________________________________________
Phone:__________________________E-mail:_______________________________________
Signature:________________________________________Date:________________________

Note that this information is confidential.

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