League of Women Voters of Manhattan-Riley County

2016/17 Stella Harriss Scholarship Fund Application

A Scholarship of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation

Postmark Deadline: March 30, 2016

The League of Women Voters (LWV) of Manhattan-Riley County Stella Harriss Scholarship Fund was established at the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation to award scholarships to non-traditional students who desire to further their education at Kansas State University. The LWV, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate for elective office. The LWV of the United States was organized in 1920, the year women won the right to vote. The Manhattan/Riley County League began in 1942 and is one of about 1100 local Leagues in the United States. Read more about the League of Women Voters on their website at www.lwvmrc.org

The League of Women Voters of Riley County Stella Harriss Scholarship Fund will offer one $1,000 scholarship for Fall 2016.

The following criteria will be used to select the scholarship recipient:

The recipient: Is or will be a non-traditional student who desires to complete a degree program at Kansas State University. A non-traditional student is generally defined as one of the following: 25 years of age or older, married, a parent, a Veteran, or returning to school after an absence of three or more years.

- Must have earned a grade point average of at least 2.4/4.0 for 30 or more college credits. Preference will be given to a full-time undergraduate student (12 hours or more).
- Has demonstrated a keen interest in public service and is committed to the principles of the League of Women Voters as stated on the League website.
- Demonstrates financial need. The Student Financial Assistance Office will evaluate a student’s level of need. It is necessary to complete and submit a Free Application for the Federal Student Aid available in that office and to qualify for aid.
- Must be a U.S. citizen.

DIRECTIONS FOR FILLING OUT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM:

1. Be sure that you are qualified for student financial aid and have received the Award Letter for the current year before filling out the application.
2. The application should be submitted on time (see deadline). Late applications will be accepted but may not receive prime consideration.
3. A typed summary should be submitted describing the following:
   a. Your career goals & your plans towards achieving them.
   b. A listing of any public service and/or government activities in which you have participated.
   c. Any life experiences related to one or more of the League’s Principles as stated on the League website www.lwvmrc.org.
   d. Summary of why you need financial assistance in order to continue your academic career. Include unique circumstances & obstacles you may be facing.
4. Submit an official transcript, mailed directly from each college or university attended. (K-State official transcripts can be mailed free of charge from the Registrar’s Office.)

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Please complete the following. Type or print clearly.

I am (check all that apply):

_____ 25 or older
_____ married
_____ a parent
_____ a veteran
_____ returning student
_____ male
_____ female

Name ________________________________________  Student Identification # ________________________

Local Address _______________________________________________________________________________

Local Home Phone __________________ Work Phone __________________  Cell Phone _________________

E-mail address __________________________________________________

Academic major __________________________________________________

Honors or scholastic achievements (high school/college/community):

Employment within last five years (include dates):

Other colleges attended (include dates):

Hours completed towards degree (including transfer credits):

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Classification for upcoming semester (check all that apply):

_____ First year
_____ Continuing Student
_____ Transfer Student
_____ Returning Student

Anticipated status for upcoming semester:

_____ Freshman
_____ Sophomore
_____ Junior
_____ Senior
_____ Graduate Student

K-State GPA (if applicable) _______
Transfer GPA (if applicable) _______

Signature: ________________________________________  Date: ____________________

Please return to:   Greater Manhattan Community Foundation
Attn: League of Women Voters of Manhattan-Riley County Harriss Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 1127
Manhattan, KS  66505-1127

Or, send electronically to foundation@mcfks.org

If you have questions, please contact GMCF at (785)587-8995 or foundation@mcfks.org, or Enell Foerster, LWV Scholarship Committee Chair at foerbande@gmail.com.