ABOUT THE AWARD:
The Preska Scholar Program was created to recognize senior-level students at Minnesota State University Mankato who exemplify the characteristics of the individual after whom the program is named. The goal of the program is to identify and recognize students who demonstrate high achievement in numerous facets of student life.

Margaret Robinson Preska served as President of Mankato State University from February 1979 until February 1992. During her tenure she demonstrated her keen interest in scholarship, community and public involvement, and service in support of faculty, staff, and students. These attributes form the central qualifications for candidates applying for designation as a Preska Scholar.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
Throughout her period of leadership, President Preska advocated the benefits of higher education. Therefore, a student selected as a Preska Scholar should be completing his/her undergraduate work at Minnesota State University Mankato and be representative of all that University life has to offer.

Students who meet the following criteria are invited to apply for designation as a Preska Scholar:

- An outstanding academic record
- Junior-level status (60-89 credits) during spring semester 2008
- Strong evidence of wide involvement and effective participation in the life of the University community and the wider civic and global communities
- Indication of being a “well-rounded” student

REVIEW PROCESS:
Applications will be received during spring semester 2008 in the Office of Academic Affairs. Review will take place during the month of April with notification made prior to the end of spring semester in May. For the 2008-2009 academic year applications are due by April 11, 2008, with a decision being made and announced by May 2, 2008.

A committee of two deans, two faculty members, and a representative of the Student Affairs division will be appointed to serve as a selection committee. This committee will review all applications using the criteria established in these guidelines.

THE AWARD:
The Preska Scholar will receive an award which will pay tuition and fees for the senior year at Minnesota State University Mankato. These payments will be made for tuition and fees up to 18 credits per semester during the senior year.