



PRESKA SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Guidelines

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 2009
- 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 2009-2010 academic year applications are due by **April 17, 2009**, with a decision being made and announced by **May 8, 2009**.

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.



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Application Form 2009-2010

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Name (please print) _____

Local Address _____

_____ Telephone (____) _____

As an applicant for the Preska Scholar Program, I certify that I am pursuing a bachelor's degree and expect to complete my degree requirements and graduate in 2010. I authorize the selection committee to review my University records, including my academic transcript, my co-curricular transcript, and any disciplinary records. By signing below, I authorize the University to provide this information to the selection committee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application materials must include:

- Unofficial transcript
- Current résumé, including record of University and community involvement
- Three recommendations using the attached form
- A 600-1000 word essay describing 1) why your University, community and global involvement is important to you; and 2) how you believe that involvement and being a well-rounded student will support your future contributions to society.

Ask three persons to complete Preska Scholar Program Recommendation Forms for you and include those recommendations in sealed envelopes with this application or have them mailed to the address on the recommendation form. (At least one of the letters should be from a faculty member in your chosen major who can discuss your leadership and service achievements.) List their names below:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Complete applications must be received by the Office of Academic Affairs by April 17, 2009



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Recommendation Form

Name of person making
the recommendation _____

Title _____

Address _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Name of Applicant: _____

has submitted an application for designation as a Preska Scholar. This award is designed to identify and recognize students who demonstrate high achievement in numerous facets of student life. Specifically,

1. Outstanding academic record
2. Strong evidence of wide involvement and effective participation in the life of the University community and the wider civic and global communities
3. Indication of being a "well-rounded" student

Please explain why you believe this student should receive this distinction:

Signature _____

Date _____

*Completed forms must be received by April 17, 2008 in the
Office of Academic Affairs, 315 Wigley Administration Center, Mankato, MN 56001*