



# The Katherine Kandel and Elizabeth Oleksak Scholarship

The Katherine Kandel and Elizabeth Oleksak Scholarship was established in 2010 to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's Center and Women's and Gender Studies at PLU. The scholarship shines light on the immense importance and influence of women in our communities, especially those women who have been invisible in the history of our society.

The lead gift for this scholarship endowment was donated by Anthropology Professor and founding chair of PLU Women's Studies and the Women's Center, Dr. Elizabeth Brusco, in honor of her grandmothers' courage and spirit. The scholarship represents a belief that power and influence should not be limited by gender, race, sexuality, class or access to education. **Each year, the scholarship will be awarded to a PLU undergraduate student committed to supporting the mission of the Women's Center.**

The scholarship recipient(s) will work with the PLU Women's Center on either research or programming throughout the academic year in which s/he receives the award. There is an expected time commitment of one to two hours per week for the academic year. Award recipients will work with the Women's Center Director to establish research or programming priorities. Through involvement in the Women's Center, award recipients will enrich the fabric of university life while increasing their own research and leadership skills.

### Who may apply?

Any *continuing* full-time undergraduate student with demonstrated leadership and/or involvement in activities within a women's and gender studies context. Preference will be given to first-generation college students and applicants who have demonstrated a commitment to gender equity.

### Restrictions:

- Recipients must be full-time undergraduate students.
- Recipients must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.
- Recipients must be continuing PLU sophomores, juniors or seniors.
- **Renewal of the award is NOT automatic.** A *complete* application must be submitted each academic year.
- The information in the application must be no more than 2 years old.
- **The Selection Committee's decision is final.**

### All applicants must submit:

- A completed application form
- Two recommendations from individuals who can provide an evaluation of leadership activities in the context of women's & gender issues, such as professors, administrators, or mentors. Note: At least one form *must* be completed by a PLU professor. (Recommendations from family members will not be considered.) The recommendation form can be found on the Women's Center website ([www.plu.edu/womencen](http://www.plu.edu/womencen)). Forms should be sent directly to the Women's Center by the recommender.
- Typed essay answering the following prompt (maximum length of 2 pages, double-spaced):

Why are you applying for the Kandel & Oleksak Scholarship? How have your academic studies and co-curricular activities promoted social justice and gender equity? Include a description of a specific program or research project that would further the mission of the Women's Center.

### Completed applications and questions should be directed to:

#### Dr. Jennifer Smith

Director—Women's Center  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Tacoma, WA 98447

web: [www.plu.edu/womenscenter](http://www.plu.edu/womenscenter)  
email: [jennifer.smith@plu.edu](mailto:jennifer.smith@plu.edu)  
office: (253) 535-8759

### Application Deadline

April 24 @ 5pm

*ALL parts of application must be received on or before deadline to be eligible.*

# Kandel & Oleksak Scholarship Application Form

Applicants *MUST* complete the following application. You may also choose to attach a resume.

## PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Current Class Standing:     First-Year     Sophomore     Junior     Senior

Additional Enrollment Information:     First-Generation College Student

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_ Local Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative PLU GPA \_\_\_\_\_

PLU Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation forms from \*

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please provide name and title. One form must be completed by a PLU professor. Forms can be downloaded from the Women's Center website.

Activities, Offices and Positions of Leadership (information should be no more than 2 years old)

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Honors, Awards, and Scholarships

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Other Activities (significant volunteer experience, employment, etc.)

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Please mail/deliver completed application packets to:

Dr. Jennifer Smith, Director—Women's Center  
Pacific Lutheran University Tacoma, WA 98447

**Include name and PLU ID # on each page of your application.**

**LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.  
APPLICANTS MUST MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED.**