



The Katherine Kandel and Elizabeth Oleksak Scholarship

The Katherine Kandel and Elizabeth Oleksak Scholarship was established in 2010 to celebrate the 20th 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 the Women's Center.

Restrictions:

- **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.
- 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.
- ***The Selection Committee's decision is final.***

All applicants must submit:

- A completed application form (on back of this sheet)
- Two letters of reference from individuals who can provide an official evaluation of leadership activities in the context of women's & gender issues, such as professors, administrators, or mentors. Note: At least one letter *must* be from a professor. Letters from family members will NOT be considered.
- Typed essay answering the following questions: (maximum length 2 pages, double-spaced)
 - 1) Why are you applying for the Kandel & Oleksak Scholarship?
Include an explanation of your commitment to the Women's Center and/or proposed program or research that would further the work of the Center.
 - 2) What have you participated in at PLU that has promoted social justice, leadership, and/or gender equity?

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
email: jennifer.smith@plu.edu
office: (253) 535-8759

Applications

Available:

March 21

Application Deadline:

May 2 @ 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 Non-Traditional Student

Transfer Student

Full Legal Name _____

Local Address _____ Local Phone (____) _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____ Cumulative PLU GPA _____

PLU Identification Number _____

Letters of recommendation from*

1) _____ 2) _____

*Please provide name and title. One letter must be from a professor.

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

Honors and Awards

Other Activities (significant volunteer experience, employment)

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.**