

Norma Ross Walter Scholarship



Purpose: To provide financial assistance to female graduates of Nebraska high schools who are planning to enroll as English majors at accredited colleges or universities.

Eligibility: Applicants must be female high school seniors, who plan to continue their educations as English majors in accredited colleges or universities. Selection is based on intellectual promise, creativity and character of the applicant.

Financial Data: First place recipient: \$2,500.00
Second place recipient: \$1,750.00
Third place recipient: \$1,250.00
Each stipend is payable at the beginning of the first year of college.
The scholarship is not renewable.

Number Awarded: Three each year.

Deadline: March 1

Submit to: Norma Ross Walter Scholarship Program
The Willa Cather Foundation
413 North Webster Street
Red Cloud, NE 68970
(402) 746-2653 | (866) 731-7304

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

These must be included with your application for the Norma Ross Walter Scholarship:

1. High School Transcript.....
2. Three letters of recommendation.....
3. The five-page application.....
4. Page 4 of the application essay for reason to be an English major.....
5. Original 1,500-word essay (See Essay Question).....

ESSAY QUESTION

Please write an approximately 1,500 word essay of your own choosing on several of Cather's short stories (3) or on one of Cather's novels. You may comment on what impresses you in the work(s) such as various scenes, characters, theme, style, language, or the like. It is also permissible to use a previous essay you might have written on Cather and one that you can adapt to the guidelines. You must, however, use the following guidelines:

- A. Illustrate your comments with an occasional quotation from the primary source and include the page number for the quotation.
- B. List correctly the edition of the Cather work you are using on the Works Cited page by using the MLA style.
- C. Your readers know the selected Cather works quite well, so please do not offer plot summaries.
- D. Do not forget to title your paper.
- E. The deadline is March 1.
- F. The recipient is invited to read her essay at the Willa Cather Spring Conference in Red Cloud. The Spring Conference is held annually the first weekend in June. Details will be sent to all finalists.

Signature of Principal or Guidance Counselor

High School Information (list last attended first)

Name of School _____ Name of School _____

Street Address _____ Street Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Principal's Name _____ Principal's Name _____

School Phone # _____ School Phone # _____

Letters of Recommendation

(Please request that letters of recommendation be sent directly to the Norma Ross Walter Scholarship Program of the Willa Cather Foundation.)

1. Name of English Teacher _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (____) _____

2. Name of Another Teacher _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (____) _____

3. Name of non-teacher qualified to comment on your academic purpose and ability (someone who is familiar with your performance in a community or religious organization, an employer, etc.)

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (____) _____

School Activities

(List those in which you have participated; the positions you have held; and the school year in which you participated.)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Position(s) Held</u>	<u>School Yr.</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Community Activities

(List those in which you have taken part; the positions you have held; any recognition you received and the school year in which you participated.)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Position(s) Held</u>	<u>School Yr.</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Work Activities

(List those of the past three years, either for your family or outside employers.)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Position(s) Held</u>	<u>School Yr.</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

College or colleges you plan to attend (list in order of college choice):

1. Name of College _____ Degree Desired _____
City and State _____
Brief reason for choice: _____

2. Name of College _____ Degree Desired _____
City and State _____
Brief reason for choice: _____

3. Name of College _____ Degree Desired _____
City and State _____
Brief reason for choice: _____

Is there other information that might be relevant to your application? If so, please include it here.
Add an additional sheet if necessary.

**IMPORTANT: ALL MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETED APPLICATION
MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 1.**

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**Letter to support application to the Norma Ross Walter Scholarship Program
of the Willa Cather Foundation**

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

Person Writing Letter _____

(Optional) I hereby waive the right provided by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment) to view this letter of recommendation in my file at the Willa Cather Foundation.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

(The applicant should complete the items above and give this form to three persons well acquainted with her education and abilities. Of these three, one should be one of her English teachers, a second should be another of her teachers, and a third should be a non-teacher qualified to comment on her abilities and purpose.)

Instructions to the writer: Please comment in detail and state the basis for your judgment regarding the applicant's ability to carry on college work with a major in English. Use the reverse side if necessary.

Mail the completed form and letter to:

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Signature _____ Date _____

Title/Position _____

Institution/Organization and Address _____

Phone (____) _____