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Constance Currie Scholarship

The Constance Currie Education Fund was established in November 1959 in memory of Constance Currie to help people in the community further their post-secondary education.

Qualified applicants must have lived, worked or volunteered within St. Paul's West Side community (55107 zip code), or been actively involved with Neighborhood House or the West Side community and be seeking first-time post-secondary education.



Neighborhood House™

Developing Skills, Knowledge & Confidence

What is the Constance Currie Scholarship?

Constance Currie was the Executive Director at Neighborhood House from 1918-1957. She was dedicated to education and to the community. The scholarship was created in her memory to help community members pursue post-secondary education.

Eligibility

Applicants must be seeking a first-time post-secondary education and

- Have lived, worked, or volunteered within Saint Paul's West Side Community (zip code 55107) at some point in their lives; or
- Been actively involved with Neighborhood House or the West Side community
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Scholarship Awards

Scholarship awarded amounts range from \$300 - \$2,500.

Constance Currie Scholarship recipients can use their funds for any school-related expense including books, transportation and rent.

Application Deadline

Completed applications and all additional required documents must be postmarked no later than March 6, 2009 to be eligible.

Mail to: Neighborhood House
Constance Currie Scholarship
179 Robie Street East
Saint Paul, MN 55107

Staff Contact: Tiffany Rivera-Prescott
651.789.2513 phone
651.789.2501 fax

Award Selection Process

The Constance Currie Scholarship Committee will review and consider only ***complete applications which include all additional required documents (see application packet section).***

All finalists will be interviewed by the Constance Currie Committee members. Awards will be announced no later than **May 1, 2009**. Upon receipt of school registration verification, scholarship checks will be mailed to the award winners.

Applications are rated on the following criteria:

- ✓ Residency and/or community involvement
- ✓ Education and career goals
- ✓ Financial need
- ✓ Personal statement
- ✓ Transcript, letters of recommendation
- ✓ Interview with committee

Application Packet Includes:

Application

Please complete all applicable sections of the application. Applications are available for download at www.neighb.org or can be picked up at Neighborhood House.

Personal statement

Written statement explaining your educational and career goals, ties to the West Side Community, and why you need assistance from the Constance Currie Education Fund. This statement should be between one and three pages.

Transcripts

If you are currently a high school student, or have graduated within the last five years, please provide copies of your past year school transcripts. If you are a returning adult more than five years since graduation, provide proof of graduation or proof of GED.

Letters of recommendation

High school students must submit one letter of recommendation from a school staff member and one additional letter of recommendation from a non-relative.

Adults pursuing a first-time post secondary education must submit two letters of recommendation from non-relatives.



Constance Currie Scholarship Application
Personal Information

Check only one of the following:

- I am a high school senior
- I am an adult returning to school
- I am a current recipient and reapplying
- I am a former applicant reapplying

Check all appropriate boxes of the following:

- I am currently or have been a West Side resident
- I am currently or have been involved with the following
 - Neighborhood House
 - West Side community organizations as a participant or volunteer
 - Extracurricular activities such as sports teams on the West Side

Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Home Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Circle present education status: High School Graduate GED

High School _____ Graduation date _____

Constance Currie Scholarship Application Personal Information

Residency

Please indicate the dates you lived in zip code 55107. _____

West Side community/Neighborhood House/extracurricular activities. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

	List program(s) or activities	month/year
Neighborhood House		
West Side community		
High School		
Other		

Education Goals

(Please type information or print legibly)

School you plan to attend:

School address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Admissions Office telephone: _____

Annual tuition: _____

Have you been accepted to the school? Yes No

What is your major field of study? _____

Length of program (years)? _____ Expected student status: Part-time Full-time

How many credits have you completed toward your degree? _____

What is your estimated graduation date (mo/yr)? _____

Constance Currie Scholarship Application Financial Information

Amount requested from the Constance Currie Education Fund _____

Is there anyone else contributing to your support (parent, spouse, relative, friend)?

If yes, please explain how much and in what manner (i.e. parents letting me live at home rent-free)

Work Experience (list most recent first)

Employer	start date	end date	hrs/wk # of average	monthly income

Constance Currie Scholarship Application Financial Information

Going to school is expensive, and to help us understand your financial picture, please tell us as best you can your expenses and income for next year. Please include any scholarships you have received, and expected income from work, from a spouse or from others.

Annual Expenses

Tuition and Fees	\$
Books and Supplies	\$
Rent/Dorm Fees/Mortgage	\$
Food	\$
Transportation	\$
Other (please list)	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total Expenses	

Annual Income

Employment	\$
Anticipated Loans	\$
Anticipated Scholarships (please list)	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Income from parents	\$
Income from spouse	\$
Other income (please specify)	\$
	\$
Total Income	

Are you planning to work while attending school? ___ Yes ___ No

If applicable, please explain any other financial or budget information you think might be helpful in our decision.

Constance Currie Scholarship Application Additional Information

List and explain school honors you have received and when (e.g. National Honor Society, Special Achievement Award).

List and explain school, community, or volunteer activities you have participated in.

Personal Statement

Your personal statement of one to three pages is the most important part of the application, as it gives the committee a chance to learn what is special about you. We particularly want to know how you got where you are today, your long term goals, and how education may help you achieve those goals. Are there any special circumstances that may make achieving your goals particularly difficult? What do you enjoy? What are your passions?

**Constance Currie Scholarship Application
Required Signature**

I certify that the information given on these pages is factual and correct.

applicant signature

date

Parent or Guardian Permission (if applicant is a minor)

I certify that the information given on these pages is factual and correct. With my knowledge and approval, my child requests consideration for the Constance Currie Scholarship.

Parent/guardian signature

date

Relationship to applicant

A complete application includes submitting the additional required documents. Incomplete applications will NOT be submitted to the committee for consideration.

Additional Required materials checklist:

- Application – must be complete
- Personal statement
- Transcripts
- Letters of recommendation

How did you hear about the Constance Currie Scholarship?

- High School _____
- Neighborhood House Web Site
- Neighborhood Organization _____
- Local Newspaper _____
- Other _____