

Financial Aid Highlights

Financial Aid Highlights is a periodic electronic news update provided by the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships for the benefit of prospective and continuing CSUB students and parents, high school and community college counselors, faculty, and staff. The electronic publication will contain informational items pertaining to financial aid and scholarships of relevance to the CSUB community. Past issues are archived on the Financial Aid & Scholarships homepage at <http://www.csub.edu/finaid>. Additional information regarding any given topic may be obtained by calling the office at (661) 664-3016.

Ruth A. Simonson Scholarship - FAH (Vol. 9, No. 7)

Students are advised that Ms. Bobbi Emel and the Kern County Chapter of the California Elected Women's Association for Education and Research (CEWAER) are pleased to sponsor this scholarship, in memory of Ruth A. Simonson, a businesswoman, appointed member of the County of Kern Mental Health Board, and a CEWAER member. Ms. Simonson, who passed away in 2004 from metastatic breast cancer, wished to support a scholarship that reflected her interest in alleviating challenges faced by female students with psychiatric disabilities or other disabilities, and/or women with young children. The Ruth A. Simonson scholarship is intended to encourage women to pursue their dreams in education, business, and community involvement.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000.

Academic Requirement: The minimum qualifying GPA is 2.0.

Enrollment Requirement: Students applying for scholarship consideration must be enrolled at least half time (6.0 units as an undergraduate; 4 units as a graduate student).

Other requirements:

1. Female
2. Applicants must demonstrate financial need as evidenced in the Student Financial Information section of the scholarship application.
3. Preference is given to applicants with the characteristics in the following order:
 - a. Mental illness/psychiatric disability
 - b. Other disability
 - c. Responsible parent or guardian of minor children
 - d. Ethnic minority background

Application Requirements: The CSUB Academic Scholarship Application and Recommendation forms may be picked up at the CSUB Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, or downloaded from the office website at <http://www.csub.edu/FinAid/pdf/ssasap.pdf> and <http://www.csub.edu/FinAid/pdf/ssrrec.pdf>.

Completed applications, including the required autobiographical essay, should be returned to CEWAER, c/o Bobbie Emel, 629 Kingsley Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301; or submitted via e-mail to bobbiemel@comcast.net, and a copy should be submitted to the CSUB office of Financial Aid & Scholarships.

Deadline Requirement: All completed scholarship applications must be received by CEWAER by Friday, February 1, 2008. The scholarship will be awarded on February 20, 2008 for the 2007-2008 academic year. Recipients of the scholarship will receive 1/3 of the amount of the scholarship each quarter, provided they are enrolled in the appropriate minimum number of units specified above.

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