

**MAREE MCKAY-ESTHER SMILEY
ACADEMIC ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

TO: Slippery Rock University Juniors

FROM: _____
Michael P. Saraka, Director
Office of Alumni Relations

SUBJECT: Maree McKay-Esther Smiley Academic Alumni Scholarship Awards

DATE: October 22, 2009

Each year, for more than 35 years, the Alumni Association has awarded academic scholarships to outstanding juniors at Slippery Rock. These scholarships named the Maree McKay-Esther Smiley, are awarded to students with at least a 3.25 QPA and have been involved in campus or community life.

This year the Association will award up to seven scholarships of \$1,000 each, payable for tuition, room and board and/or fees during the student's senior year – academic year **2010-2011**.

If you meet the above criteria and are interested in applying, please complete the attached application form and ask two members of the faculty/staff to write letters of recommendation for you. A **one-page** letter from you describing your character, goals, etc. is also required. Arrange to have the letters sent to the Office of Alumni Relations, Russell Wright Alumni House, or bring them with the completed application form to the office on or before the deadline date of December 3, 2009.

The final responsibility for a complete application file is yours. You may have to remind an occasional faculty member to submit a letter in your behalf. **No incomplete or late applications or letters will be considered.**

**APPLICATION FOR MAREE MCKAY-ESTHER SMILEY
ACADEMIC ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Return to: **Office of Alumni Relations**
 Russell Wright Alumni House
 Slippery Rock, PA 16057

NAME _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____

CAMPUS ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ SRU I.D. _____

APPLICANT'S UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE INFORMATION:

MAJOR _____ QPA _____

MINOR _____ QPA _____

OVERALL QPA _____

CREDITS COMPLETED _____ TRANSFERRED _____ CREDITS IN PROGRESS THIS SEMESTER _____

Junior status 60 – 89 completed credits

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE DURING UNIVERSITY STUDIES - UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY. **(INCLUDE LOCATION OF SERVICE AND BEGINNING AND ENDING DATE, INSTRUCTOR/CONTACT NAME)**

HONORS AND AWARDS DURING UNIVERSITY STUDIES. **(INCLUDE CRITERIA/DESCRIPTION OF AWARD AND DATE RECEIVED.)**

PERSONAL RELEASE: I grant permission to Slippery Rock University to release my personal academic and financial aid records to the SRU Alumni Association for review by its Scholarship and Awards Committee and permit publication of personal academic information contained within.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

REPONSIBILITY FOR THE RETURN OF THIS FORM, PERSONAL LETTER, AND TWO LETTERS OF REFERENCE IS THE APPLICANT'S. **NO LATE OR PARTIAL APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

THE MAREE MCKAY-ESTHER SMILEY ACADEMIC ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Eligibility is not limited to a specific field or area of study. Up to seven annual scholarships consisting of \$1,000 per academic year will be awarded. This is a one-time award per recipient.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must have earned a minimum of 60 semester hours by the conclusion of the fall '09 semester. Only students with Junior status will be considered. Junior status is 60 – 89 completed credits.
- A maximum of thirty-six transfer credit hours may be applied to obtain the minimum 60 semester hour requirement.
- Nominees must have demonstrated scholastic ability, earning a minimum cumulative quality point average of 3.25 (verified.)
- Nominees must have demonstrated involvement in university activities and/or community service.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application form is available from the Office of Alumni Relations, Russell Wright Alumni House, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA 16057.

Completed applications shall include the following:

- A completed application form.
- Two letters of recommendation by individuals employed by the university, including statements acknowledging the candidate's academic achievement and evidence of academic initiative.
- A **one-page** statement, with a minimum of one hundred words, from the applicant describing his/her character, personal interests and future plans must also be included.
- Nominees must have filed all information listed above by December 3, 2009, with the Office of Alumni Relations.

The Awards Committee reserves the right, if necessary, to conduct personal interviews of the final candidates for the award. No distinction shall be made based upon race, color, creed, gender or age. No applications will be returned, but will remain on file in the Office of Alumni Relations for a full year.

TERMS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

Payment of the scholarship shall be placed on deposit with the Office of Student Accounts, Slippery Rock University, for the fall and spring semesters following the awarding of the scholarship. Each winner shall be awarded five hundred dollars (\$500) per semester. Winners shall be informed by phone & letter.

If the recipient, for any reason, does not complete the full year of scholarship, any remaining monies from the scholarship shall be returned to the Slippery Rock University Alumni Association.