



SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

School of Education
Department of Early Childhood Studies

Patricia Nourot Memorial Scholarship

Purpose of Scholarship

Dr. Patricia Nourot (1947-2006) was a professor of Early Childhood Education at Sonoma State University from 1988 to 2004. She earned a PhD in Educational Psychology at the University of California, Berkeley in 1983. Dr. Nourot was a friend and role model to her students and a renowned scholar of early childhood education and children's play. Throughout her career she worked closely with school districts in Sonoma, Napa, and Solano Counties toward the goal of high-quality education for preschool, primary, and elementary age children.

This scholarship honors Dr. Nourot by providing funds to cover educational expenses for students in the Early Childhood Studies minor, the Early Childhood Studies major, or the Early Childhood Education master's degree program at Sonoma State University. In each academic year, applications will be considered and one scholarship of up to \$300 will be awarded. The scholarship must be used for educational purposes only. The student who is awarded the scholarship will be notified by December 15, and the funds will be applied to spring semester expenses.

Who is Eligible

To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must

- have been officially admitted to the ECS minor or major and have at least junior standing **OR**
- be a graduate student in the MA in Early Childhood Education program. Graduate students must be actively enrolled and in good standing in the program.

Application Instructions

1. **Complete all parts of this application form and attach your answers to the five questions.** Incomplete applications will not be considered. Students who have previously been awarded a Nourot Scholarship are not eligible for a second award.
2. **Request a recommendation** from a person who is knowledgeable about your academic work and/or your work with young children. Appropriate persons from whom to request a recommendation include faculty members at SSU, a faculty member at a community college you attended, a director of an early care and education program, etc. **Please complete Part 1 of the Recommendation Form, and then email it to the person who will provide your recommendation.** They can return the form directly to the Early Childhood Studies Department at childhoo@sonoma.edu by **October 31, 2022**.
3. The deadline for applications is **October 31, 2022**. Please email your complete application to the Department of Early Childhood Studies at childhoo@sonoma.edu.



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Patricia Nourot Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Application number (to be completed by the department):

Part I. Applicant Information

1. Name:
2. SSU ID#:
3. Address:
4. SSU E-mail
Address:
5. Phone number:

I. Applicant Information

6. Program to which you are currently admitted (choose one)
ECS Minor ECS Major M.A. Degree in ECE
7. Anticipated Graduation Date (month and year):
8. Current GPA at SSU:
9. Name of Person who will provide your recommendation:



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Part II. Rationale

Please read through the following criteria for selection, and then answer the five questions on the next page.

Criteria for selection of the recipient of the Patricia Nourot Memorial Scholarship include the following:

- Scholarship will make a difference in the candidate's ability to complete a degree in early childhood education.
- Applicant has the skills to excel in a degree program in Early Childhood Education. These skills include the ability to complete coursework at a high level of proficiency, to understand the many different factors that influence the well-being of young children, and to critically evaluate different perspectives on the education of young children.
- Applicant demonstrates commitment to the well-being of *all* children.
- Applicant has the personal characteristics and dispositions necessary to successfully work with young children.
- Applicant shows potential for leadership in a profession that serves young children and their families.
- Applicant is a junior or senior admitted to the ECS minor or major or is a graduate student in the ECE MA program.

Keeping these criteria in mind, please answer the following five questions. Your answers should meet the ECS Standards for Critical and Thoughtful Writing (if you need to review these standards, please see the ECS Handbook at <http://www.sonoma.edu/education/handbooks/ecs-handbook.pdf>).

Please answer your questions in a separate document and include that document when you submit your application.



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1. Explain how you see yourself contributing to the well-being of children and families from diverse backgrounds (300 words or less).
2. Describe three of your personal characteristics that contribute to your ability to work successfully with children, families, and professional colleagues (300 words or less).
3. Consider all that you have learned about families and children in your coursework and fieldwork. Identify one significant issue that impacts early childhood care and education. Explain why this issue is important and how you might make a difference in this area (300 words or less).
4. Explain how you see yourself grow as a leader who empowers, encourages and collaborates with others to become agents of positive change for children and their families (300 words or less).
5. Finally, please explain how this scholarship will make a difference in your ability to complete a degree in Early Childhood Studies (in a few sentences).

*If you have questions about the application process, please contact the
Early Childhood Studies Department at childhoo@sonoma.edu.*