2019-20 Mary Jo Read Scholarship for Undergraduates Majoring in Geography

The Dean of the College of Letters and Science and the Department of Geography at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) are pleased to announce the 2019-20 Mary Jo Read Scholarships for undergraduates majoring in Geography. This scholarship provides $2,500 in annual support during the 2019-2020 academic year, in the form of tuition remissions ($1,250 per semester). One or more scholarships will be awarded. Students may receive a Mary Jo Read Scholarship a maximum of twice during their undergraduate career.

Dr. Read received a doctorate in geography from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1942, and was the first woman to do so. She taught geography at UWM from 1940 through 1965, serving as Department Chair from 1958 through 1963. Dr. Read (1911–1998) endowed a trust during her lifetime to provide graduate and undergraduate fellowships to outstanding students in Geography. Scholarships are awarded in keeping with her wishes.

Eligibility:

The Mary Jo Read Scholarship competition is open to students:

- Majoring in Geography at UWM;
- With junior or senior status at UWM as of fall semester 2019;
- With a minimum overall GPA of at least 3.0; and
- Enrolled in a minimum of 12 graded credits (9 in L&S) in both the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 semesters for full year [$2500] awards. Students meeting all other requirements and enrolled in a minimum of 12 graded credits in only Fall 2019, are eligible for a half year [$1250] award.

Application and Consideration by the Committee:

The Mary Jo Read Undergraduate Award is intended to support geography undergraduate students of outstanding academic merit during their junior and/or senior year(s) of study. To apply submit the following documentation by March 1, 2019:

- A brief letter of application (300 to 500 words) describing your academic interests and goals, and how the Mary Jo Read Scholarship will enhance your studies.
- Curriculum vitae (CV) containing personal information (name, student number, address, phone, email); academic achievements, awards and honors (since high school); and current or recent extracurricular activities including volunteer work.
- Complete official college transcripts current to January 2019.
- One letter of recommendation (letters of recommendation may be sent directly to the Mary Jo Read Scholarship Committee, Department of Geography).

The Mary Jo Read Scholarship committee will treat all information as confidential. Application information will be used only in consideration of this award.

Submit application by email or hardcopy to: Prof. Kristin Sziarto <sziarto@uwm.edu>, Mary Jo Read Scholarship Committee, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Bolton 410; P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee WI 53201-0413.