

## **2020-21 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 2020-2021 Mary Jo Read Scholarships for undergraduates majoring in Geography. 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. This scholarship provides \$3000 in annual support during the 2020-2021 academic year, in the form of tuition remissions (\$1500 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 application process is now open for the Mary Jo Read Undergraduate Scholarship in Geography. Qualified applicants will:

- have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA,
- be a declared Geography major enrolled full-time in the 2020-2021 academic year, and
- have junior or senior standing by August 31, 2020.

Students who will enroll in a minimum of 12 graded credits (9 in L&S) in both the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters are eligible for a full year [\$3000] award. Students who will enroll in a minimum of 12 graded credits in only Fall 2020, are eligible for a half year [\$1500] award.

This scholarship is for the 2020-21 school year; students graduating in May 2020 or August 2020 are not eligible.

Financial need may be considered but is not required.

### **Application process:**

Students who wish to be considered must have a completed profile on file in the UWM Scholarship Portal. Your profile is a one-time set up that will match you with all available scholarships and awards. It is important that you complete the profile both to be considered for this opportunity as well as all future scholarships. Access the portal at:

<https://uwm.academicworks.com/>.

In addition to the general application, students who wish to be considered for this scholarship must provide a few additional documents:

- Letters & Science application which consists of one item: Upload a copy of your most recent UWM transcript.

- Essay question: Describe your academic interests and goals as they relate to Geography, and how the Mary Jo Read Scholarship will enhance your studies.
- Letter of Recommendation: Provide the name and email address of a geography instructor who can write a letter of recommendation on your behalf.

You will find a link to the Mary Jo Read Undergraduate Scholarship on your dashboard of the scholarship portal, or you may search for it by name. The application deadline is March 2, 2020. However, you must leave ample time for your recommender to upload his/her recommendation. If you wait until right before the deadline, your recommender may not have time to upload their document by the March 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline. Technical problems with the portal can be directed to [let-sci@uwm.edu](mailto:let-sci@uwm.edu).