

## Scholarship Opportunity for Current Spanish Majors

### Meta Steinfort Scholarship: \$1,000.00

Department of Spanish and Portuguese is seeking undergraduate applicants for the Meta M. Steinfort Scholarship. The Committee expects to grant 2 awards of \$1,000.

**Application Deadline: December 1, 2022**

### **Application Criteria**

To be considered for this award, applicants must have:

- Declared a major in Spanish at UWM in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese
- Attained a total University GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Taken at least one (1) 300-level (or higher) course in Spanish and/or Portuguese at UWM

### **Additional information:**

- The award will be granted in Spring 2023, so recipients must be enrolled at UWM that semester.
- Though preference is given to students who plan to pursue a career in Education, all UWM students in Spanish who meet the above conditions will be considered for an award.
- Previous recipients of the award are welcome to apply this year.

### **How to apply**

1. Access the UWM Scholarship portal at: <https://uwm.academicworks.com/>
2. Complete the UWM Panther Scholarship general application. If you previously filled this out, your answers carry over from year-to-year and just need to be updated and new information added.
3. Fill out the College of Letters and Science scholarship application. This consists of just one item: uploading a copy of your most recent UWM transcript. This should show your Spring 2022 or Summer 2022 grades (if applicable).
4. Complete the application for the Meta Steinfort Scholarship at <https://uwm.academicworks.com/opportunities/9999>

To do this you will need:

- a. A letter of recommendation from an instructor in Spanish and/or Portuguese at UWM
  - i. The letter of recommendation is also due on December 1, so please make sure to give your recommender enough lead time to finish the letter for you.
- b. A two-paged, double spaced essay *in Spanish* describing your personal motives, life goals and career objectives in studying Spanish.

Questions or concerns should be directed to Prof. Gabriel Rei-Doval, [reidoval@uwm.edu](mailto:reidoval@uwm.edu).

## **ABOUT THE META M. STEINFORT SCHOLARSHIP**

**Background:** The Scholarship has been made possible by a provision in the will of Meta Mary Steinfort, Emeritus Professor of Spanish at the Milwaukee Extension of the University of Wisconsin, one of the predecessor institutions of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. After receiving her B.A. degree in 1904 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Meta Steinfort taught Latin and German at Spring Green High School from 1904 to 1907. She then taught German at Oshkosh High School until 1910, when she joined the faculty of Milwaukee State Normal School as a German teacher in the Training School. In 1917 she obtained the Masters of Arts from the University of Wisconsin and began teaching Spanish at the Normal School in addition to German and Latin. The summer of 1921 was the first of several in which she worked tirelessly to improve her knowledge of Hispanic culture by studying in several Spanish-speaking countries (Centro de Estudios Hispánicos, Madrid, 1921 and 1924; University of Mexico, 1931; University of Puerto Rico, 1935). In 1928 she joined the Extension, from which she retired in 1952 after serving several years as Chair of its Spanish Department. Professor Steinfort was active in professional and community affairs, having served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Wisconsin Association of Normal School Teachers, as Chair Vice-President, and President of the Modern Language Section of this Association, as Editor of the Wisconsin Modern Language Bulletin, and as Regional President of Zonta.