

The William B. Webber Scholarship Fund

The William B. Webber Scholarship fund has been established in recognition of Mr. Webber's interest in encouraging girls and young women to continue their studies in the sciences and mathematics from kindergarten through college in preparation for careers in math, science or engineering. Mr. Webber was a trustee of Willamette University and a former executive of Tektronix, Inc.

ELIGIBILITY: Any current (2005-06) sophomore or junior woman majoring in biology, chemistry, environmental science, or physics enrolled full time in the College of Liberal Arts at Willamette University shall be eligible for consideration to receive the scholarship for the following academic year. Applicants must have a cumulative college grade point average of 3.00 or higher and must be in residence for the full academic year.

SELECTION: One finalist will be selected from each of the four departments (Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, and Physics) by recommendation of the faculty of that department, after reviewing each application. Each Webber Scholar will receive \$4000 for the 2006-2007 academic year.

REQUIREMENTS: Scholars will be required to participate in an outreach program, which will be designed so that they will be able to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for the sciences with other young people. To this end, each scholar will be responsible for developing two or three hands-on science activities in her field of science for presentation in an elementary school in the area, during a 12 week series. In this Outreach to Schools program, the Webber Scholars, along with other available female professionals, can serve as role models encouraging girls and young women to continue studies for a career in math, science, or engineering. A secondary benefit can be the improvement of math and science programs in the local schools.

The time commitment for the Webber Scholarship program is as follows: During the fall semester, all four scholars will meet on a weekly basis, for 1 to 1 ½ hours to organize and plan the group's program. During the spring semester, all four scholars will participate in weekly pre-planning meetings (1 ½ hours) and will participate in weekly school visitations (2 hours) for approximately 12 consecutive weeks (excluding spring break). Each scholar will be responsible for either leading a week's presentation or helping to facilitate another scholar's presentation.

APPLICATION: To be considered as an applicant for this scholarship, this completed application must be returned to the Chair of your department by February 24, 2006. The Webber Scholars will be announced at the Honors and Awards Convocation in April 2006.