

# Women's & Gender Studies Scholarship Packet

## Scholarships include:

1. Muriel and Irene Goldman Scholarship
2. Ethel Siler Jones Women's and Gender Studies Scholarship
3. Anne Pieroni Szopa Scholarship in Women's Studies
4. Eleanor and Benjamin Jones Women's and Gender Studies Scholarship
5. Andrea Lauren Scamihorn Memorial Scholarship

## Awards/Prizes include:

1. Outstanding Women's Studies Student Award
2. Sharon Seager Prize in Women's History (Based in the History Dept.)

**The deadline for WGS scholarship applications and nominations will continue to fall on the first Friday in April each year which will be **Friday, April 7, 2023** for the 2023-2024 aid year.**

All scholarships, awards, and or prizes are made to support students during their enrollment at Ball State or to recognize outstanding academic achievement and activism.

*NOTICE: Scholarships cannot be awarded to students of senior class standing due to Ball State University policies.*



## The Muriel and Irene Goldman Scholarship

*Awarded based on Student Application*

Irene Goldman-Price (formerly Irene Goldman) was deeply involved with women's studies and the Women's Studies Program during her years as a faculty member at Ball State University (1986-1997). From 1991-1994, she served as the director of the program (which was renamed the Women's and Gender Studies program in 2009). This scholarship was established by Irene and her father in order to continue Irene's commitment to women's studies students and as a memorial to honor their mother and wife, Muriel Goldman, a talented, generous, and loving woman who believed in education for women as well as for men. Funds to establish the Muriel and Irene Goldman Scholarship were donated by David W. Goldman and Irene C. Goldman-Price.

### **Award Amount**

We may award one or two separate scholarships of \$1,500 each year.

### **Scholarship Requirements:**

Applicant must:

1. Have a declared Women's and Gender Studies **major** or **minor** at Ball State University.
2. Be enrolled full-time.
3. Hold **sophomore** or **junior** standing at time of application.
4. Have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

Preference will be given to those demonstrating financial need; however, other qualified students will also be eligible for the award. Awards will be made without regard to race, sex, gender, religion, color, national origin, physical and mental disability, age, sexual identity, or ancestry. One or two awards will be made each year.

### **Application Deadline:**

Application must be submitted electronically, no later than **5:00 PM EST on Friday, April 7, 2023**.

Submit completed application to: [WGS@bsu.edu](mailto:WGS@bsu.edu)

Submit the application as an attachment with your last name in the file name. **An electronic application will be shared with qualified applicants beginning in February 2023. There is a required essay component.**

Each applicant will receive a letter regarding the awarding of scholarships.

## Ethel Siler Jones Women's & Gender Studies Scholarship

*Awarded based on Student Application*

Dr. Kim Jones-Owen served as director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program from 1994-2008. Her focus on faculty and curriculum development initiatives led to the establishment of an undergraduate major in women's studies in 2004 (which was renamed the Women's and Gender Studies program in 2009). She was dedicated to community outreach and promoted women's and gender-based events and activities. Now retired, she continues to follow the program's development and graciously gifted a portion of the proceeds of real estate to endow two separate student scholarships that will make their inaugural withdrawals this year. Dr. Jones-Owens considers her time as program director the most gratifying of her professional endeavors and established this scholarship in memory of her grandmother, Ethel Siler Jones.

### Award Amount

The award amount is \$500\*

### Scholarship Requirements:

Applicants must:

1. Have a declared Women's and Gender Studies **major** or **minor** at Ball State University.
2. Hold **freshman, sophomore** or **junior** standing at the time of application.
3. Have at least a 3.0 overall grade point average.

Preference will be given to those demonstrating commitment to the women's and gender studies field through research, community service, and/or academic achievement; however, other qualified students will also be eligible for the award. Awards will be made without regard to race, sex, gender, religion, color, national origin, physical and mental disability, age, sexual identity, or ancestry.

### Application Deadline:

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Submit completed application to: [WGS@bsu.edu](mailto:WGS@bsu.edu)

Submit the application as an attachment with your last name in the file name. **An electronic application will be shared with qualified applicants beginning in February 2023.**

Each applicant will receive a letter regarding the awarding of scholarships.

\*Final award amount is subject to change due to this being the first year that the scholarship will be awarded. For example, the amount may be higher or lower depending on the available spending rate.

## Anne Pieroni Szopa Scholarship in Women's Studies

*Awarded based on Faculty Nomination*

A native of Muncie, Anne Pieroni Szopa was an excellent writer and brilliant debater. She was articulate, compassionate, and passionate about women's rights. She was very active in the National Organization for Women (NOW) and participated in marches and protests in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment. Anne earned both an M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from Ball State University, in 1976 and 1986 respectively. During this time, she helped to form two interdisciplinary committees (the Coalition of Women's Organizations and, later, Friends of Women's Studies, 1989-93). Her objective was to examine the role of women in American history and to create courses with the ultimate goal of establishing a minor in Women's Studies. A pioneer in the addition of Women's Studies to the University's curriculum, Anne gained the support of Dean Richard Burkhardt, who created a director position and designated office space for Women's Studies. Anne helped to publicize the new offerings and taught several classes. Funds to establish this Scholarship are donated by Anne's sister, Mary Harper, and other family members in honor of Anne Pieroni Szopa.

### **Award Amount**

The scholarship amount is \$1,000.

### **Scholarship Requirements:**

Nominees must:

1. Have a declared Women's and Gender Studies **major** at Ball State University.
2. Have taken and passed WGS 210: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies.
3. Hold **freshman, sophomore, or junior** standing at the time of nomination.
4. Have at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Preference will be given to first-year students; however, other qualified students will also be eligible for the award. Nominations and awards will be made without regard to race, sex, gender, religion, color, national origin, physical and mental disability, age, sexual identity, or ancestry.

### **Scholarship Renewal:**

Scholarship is renewable for up to three years, thus allowing a total of three years of undergraduate eligibility provided the student continues to meet the stated criteria.

### **Nomination Deadline:**

Nominations must be received from WGS affiliate or teaching faculty no later than **5:00 PM EST on Friday, April 7, 2023**.

Faculty will be sent a link to the nomination form. **Faculty Nominators will be notified about award designations once selections have been made.**

## Eleanor and Benjamin Jones Women's & Gender Studies Scholarship

*Awarded based on Faculty Nomination*

Dr. Kim Jones-Owen served as director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program from 1994-2008. Her focus on faculty and curriculum development initiatives led to the establishment of an undergraduate major in women's studies in 2004 (which was renamed the Women's and Gender Studies program in 2009). She was dedicated to community outreach and promoted women's and gender-based events and activities. Now retired, she continues to follow the program's development and graciously gifted a portion of the proceeds of real estate to endow two separate student scholarships that will make their inaugural withdrawals this year. Dr. Jones-Owens considers her time as program director the most gratifying of her professional endeavors and established this scholarship in memory of her parents, Eleanor and Benjamin Jones.

### **Award Amount**

The scholarship amount is \$1,000\*

### **Scholarship Requirements:**

Nominees must:

1. Have a declared Women's and Gender Studies major at Ball State University.
2. Hold **freshman, sophomore** or **junior** standing at the time of application.
3. Have at least a 3.0 overall grade point average.

Nominations and awards will be made without regard to race, sex, gender, religion, color, national origin, physical and mental disability, age, sexual identity, or ancestry.

### **Nomination Deadline:**

Nominations must be received from WGS affiliate or teaching faculty no later than **5:00 PM EST on Friday, April 7, 2023.**

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## Andrea Lauren Scamihorn Memorial Scholarship

*Awarded based on Faculty Nomination*

Andrea Lauren Scamihorn was a teacher in Chile and an influential leader in promoting anti-racism equal rights, and anti-fascism. She was the first student at Ball State University to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree in Women's Studies. She also won the Outstanding Activism Award from the BSU Women's Studies Program. When she died on December 19, 2008 she left behind a legacy of feminist activism and global friendships. Her work and her vision will be carried on through the gifts of scholarships to students striving to make the world a better place as well.

### **Award Amount**

The scholarship amount is \$250.

### **Scholarship Requirements:**

Nominees must:

1. Have a declared Women's and Gender Studies **major** or **minor** at Ball State University.
2. Have demonstrated a passion for activism (e.g. whether in service of the WGS program or with a community organization).
3. Hold **freshman, sophomore, or junior** standing at time of nomination.

Nominations and awards will be made without regard to race, sex, gender, religion, color, national origin, physical and mental disability, age, sexual identity, or ancestry.

### **Nomination Deadline:**

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## Outstanding Women's Studies Student Award

*Awarded based on Faculty Nomination*

Established in 1999, the Outstanding Women's Studies Student Award recognizes a declared Women's and Gender Studies major or minor that has demonstrated excellence in academic performance, campus activities, and/or community service. Each year the recipient's name is engraved on a perpetual plaque displayed in the Women's and Gender Studies office. Each recipient receives a plaque or other appropriate symbol that represents the spirit of the award.

### **Award Amount**

There is no monetary gift attached to the award.

### **Award Requirements:**

Nominees must:

1. Have a declared Women's and Gender Studies **major** or **minor** at Ball State University.
2. Have at least a 3.0 overall grade point average.
3. Have demonstrated academic excellence in academic performance, campus activities, and or community service.

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### **Nomination Deadline:**

Nominations must be received from WGS affiliate or teaching faculty no later than **5:00 PM EST on Friday, April 7, 2023.**

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## Sharon Seager Prize in Women's History

*Awarded based on Excellence of Student Submission*

Sharon Seager was a professor emerita of history at Ball State University. She was born in Amarillo, Texas, and received a B.A. degree from Trinity University and a Ph.D. from Rice University. She taught history at Southeast Missouri State University before coming to Ball State, where she taught primarily 19th-century American history and American women's history. Responding to the cultural wave of the feminist movement in the 1960s, she joined with historians at other universities in shaping the outlines of American women's history. At Ball State, she worked with scholars in other disciplines to create what became known as the Women's and Gender Studies Program.

The Ball State History Department is seeking submissions for the Sharon Seager Prizes, awarded to the best student work on the history of women, gender, and/or sexuality. There are two prizes available; each comes with an award of \$150 per student winner, which will be credited to their Student Financial account. **The deadline for submission is Friday, March 3, 2023.** This award will be open to all Ball State students regardless of major. Contact Dr. Emily Johnson at [esjohnson2@bsu.edu](mailto:esjohnson2@bsu.edu) with questions or concerns.

### Paper Prize

- The Sharon Seager Paper Prize will be awarded to the best undergraduate paper that covers any aspect of the history of women, gender, and/or sexuality.
- Students may submit any paper completed while enrolled at Ball State (including independent studies and capstone projects), even if that class was not offered through the history department.
- There is no required length or page limit.

### Creative Project Prize

- The Sharon Seager Creative Project Prize will be awarded to the best undergraduate project (other than a traditional research paper) that deals with any aspect of the history of women, gender, and/or sexuality.
- Students may submit any project that they completed while enrolled at Ball State. This can include projects in print or non-print form.
- Examples include, but are not limited to: websites, podcasts, apps, poetry, fiction, performances, presentations, and public history projects.
- The submission should be accompanied by a 1–2-page statement explaining the merits of the project and the historical research that was undertaken to complete it.
- For group projects, every member of the group should be on board with submitting the project for consideration.
- If the prize is awarded to a group, each student will receive a \$150 prize.

### Submission Guidelines:

To submit a paper or project, go to <https://tinyurl.com/SeagerPrizes>  
You will be asked to fill out a short form and to submit your files.