

The Mary Rait/Mary Jewell Willsea Grants

American Association of University Women, Grand Junction branch

The Mary Rait/Mary Jewell Willsea Grants of \$1,000 per recipient are named in honor of Mary Rait, the first female vice-president at Mesa State College; they have been awarded by the Grand Junction branch of AAUW since 1981. Currently the grants are funded by a generous endowment bequest from Mary Jewell Willsea, the aunt of a longtime member of the Grand Junction AAUW branch.

Competition for the grants is open to non-traditional women students at Mesa State: that is, students who have begun college at the age of 25 or over, or who have returned to college after a considerable time spent outside the educational establishment. Applicants must be enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program, and may not already hold a bachelor's degree; all majors are welcome to apply. Applicants must have completed 60 hours of college credit (including transfer credit) by the end of the semester in which they apply, with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. GPA, financial need, and the quality of the applications are all considered by the awards committee, which is made up of members of the Grand Junction branch of AAUW. Awards will be applied directly to the winners' tuition and fees at Mesa State College.

Application forms and deadline information are available from the Mesa State College Financial Aid Office. Grant recipients are selected each year by a committee made up of members of AAUW, Grand Junction branch.

Mary Rait/Mary Jewell Willsea Grant Application
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, GRAND JUNCTION BRANCH

The Mary Rait/Mary Jewell Willsea Grants of \$1,000 are awarded to non-traditional women students attending **Mesa State College** to earn their first baccalaureate degree. Candidates must have successfully completed 60 hours of college credit by the end of the Spring 2008 semester, with an institutional cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Funds will be paid to **Mesa State College** upon receipt of billing and will apply to tuition and fees only.

*Please type or print neatly. Submit completed applications to:
Mesa State College Office of Financial Aid, Lowell Heiny Hall, Room #116*

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2008

NAME:

(last)

(first)

(middle)

ADDRESS:

(Street)

(city)

(State)

(ZIP code)

HOME PHONE: _____ **WORK PHONE:** _____

DATE OF BIRTH: (Month, day and year) _____

CURRENT COLLEGE MAJOR: _____

ADVISOR: _____

NO. OF CREDITS COMPLETED: _____ **NO. OF CREDITS IN MAJOR FIELD:** _____

PREVIOUS COLLEGES ATTENDED: List. Include grade point averages.

HONORS AND AWARDS: List all academic honors, including scholarships and grants.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY: List organizations to which you belong, volunteer work, and activities.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: Attach a brief (2 to 3 short paragraphs) biographical sketch of your personal and professional life.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE: Attach a brief description of your goals and any experiences that led you to set them or steps you have taken to reach them.

TRANSCRIPT: Attach a current copy of your Mesa State College transcript.

EMPLOYMENT: List name and location of employers, position held, and dates of employment for the last five years.

FINANCIAL NEED: Are there any considerations of which we should be aware?

REFERENCES: List name, address, and telephone number of **two** individuals; these references should forward letters of recommendation directly to the Mesa State College Financial Aid Office, using the attached forms. At least one of these references should be a professor; the other can address either your academic or professional achievements.

I certify that this application is my own work, that I have read and understand the conditions set forth, and that I agree to accept as final the decisions of the selection committee. I agree that AAUW may submit an appropriate publicity release to the media regarding the Mary Rait/Mary Jewell Willsea Grant.

(signature of applicant)

(date)

Mary Rait/Mary Jewell Willsea Grant Recommendation Form

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*Please use this form, or attach a letter on professional stationery, to comment on your specific knowledge of the applicant's academic and/or professional achievements and goals. Return to the Mesa State College Financial Aid Office by **March 3, 2008**.*

Applicant: _____

Length of time you have known the applicant: _____

Nature of your acquaintance with the applicant: _____

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