Norma Ross Walter Scholarship

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to female graduates of Nebraska high schools who are planning to enroll as English majors at accredited colleges or universities.

Eligibility: Applicants must be female high school seniors, who plan to continue their educations as English majors in accredited colleges or universities. Selection is based on intellectual promise, creativity and character of the applicant.

Financial Data: First place recipient: $2,500.00
Second place recipient: $1,750.00
Third place recipient: $1,250.00
Each stipend is payable at the beginning of the first year of college. The scholarship is not renewable.

Number Awarded: Three each year.

Deadline: January 31, 2016

Submit to: Norma Ross Walter Scholarship Program
The Willa Cather Foundation
413 North Webster Street
Red Cloud, NE 68970
(402) 746-2653 | (866) 731-7304
APPLICATION CHECKLIST

These must be included with your application for the Norma Ross Walter Scholarship:

1. High School Transcript
2. Three letters of recommendation
3. The five-page application
4. Page 4 of the application essay for reason to be an English major
5. Original 1,500-word essay (See Essay Question)

ESSAY QUESTION

Please write an approximately 1,500 word essay of your own choosing on several of Cather’s short stories (3) or on one of Cather’s novels. You may comment on what impresses you in the work(s) such as various scenes, characters, theme, style, language, or the like. It is also permissible to use a previous essay you might have written on Cather and one that you can adapt to the guidelines. You must, however, use the following guidelines:

A. Illustrate your comments with an occasional quotation from the primary source and include the page number for the quotation.

B. List correctly the edition of the Cather work you are using on the Works Cited page by using the MLA style.

C. Your readers know the selected Cather works quite well, so please do not offer plot summaries.

D. Do not forget to title your paper.

E. The deadline is January 31, 2016.

F. The recipient is invited to read her essay at the Willa Cather Spring Conference in Red Cloud on Friday, June 3, 2016.
NORMA ROSS WALTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
OF THE WILLA CATHETER FOUNDATION

APPLICATION FORM

I hereby apply for a Norma Ross Walter Scholarship Award of the Willa Cather Foundation and submit the following information:

Name_____________________________________________________

Last   First   Middle

Mailing Address___________________________________________________________

City_____ State_____ Zip____ (_____)___________ Phone

Email Address___________________________________________________________

Date of Birth__________________ Social Security Number ______________________

Parents’ Name___________________________________________________________

☐ Yes I have requested that my high school transcript and three letters of recommendation be mailed to the Norma Ross Walter Scholarship Program of the Willa Cather Foundation.

☐ Yes I have included a copy of an original essay. I understand the application requires such an essay with an explanation of why I chose an English major.

TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL or GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Name of Secondary School__________________________________________ Code Number

Number and Street____________________________________________________

City_____ State_____ Zip

Principal or Guidance Counselor________________________________________

Is this student NOW a senior in high school? Yes _____ No _____

Graduation date__________________

Exact rank in class ________ Class Size _________ ACT Score ______

______________________________ Date ____________________

Signature of Principal or Guidance Counselor
High School Information (list last attended first)

Name of School _____________________     Name of School _____________________
Street Address ______________________     Street Address ______________________
City ___________ State ____ Zip ______     City___________ State ____ Zip ______
Principal’s Name ____________________      Principal’s Name ____________________
School Phone # ______________________     School Phone # ______________________

Letters of Recommendation
(Please request that letters of recommendation be sent directly to the Norma Ross Walter Scholarship Program of the Willa Cather Foundation.)

1. Name of English Teacher _____________________________________________
   Street Address _____________________________________________________
   City__________________________ State ______________ Zip _________
   Phone Number (_____) _________________

2. Name of Another Teacher ____________________________________________
   Street Address _____________________________________________________
   City _____________________ State _____________ Zip __________
   Phone Number (_____) _________________

3. Name of non-teacher qualified to comment on your academic purpose and ability
   (someone who is familiar with your performance in a community or religious
   organization, an employer, etc.)
   Name ____________________________________________________________
   Street Address _____________________________________________________
   City ____________________________ State _______________ Zip __________
   Phone Number (____) _________________
### School Activities
(List those in which you have participated; the positions you have held; and the school year in which you participated.)

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### Community Activities
(List those in which you have taken part; the positions you have held; any recognition you received and the school year in which you participated.)

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### Work Activities
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Do you feel your grades are an accurate index of your ability? ______________________

Please explain: ________________________________________________________________
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Special recognition for outstanding academic work, such as honors, prizes, scholarships:
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Please write an essay giving your reasons for wishing to enroll in college as an English major:
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College or colleges you plan to attend (list in order of college choice):

1. Name of College________________________________ Degree Desired________________
   City and State ______________________________________________________________
   Brief reason for choice:_______________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________

2. Name of College________________________________ Degree Desired________________
   City and State ______________________________________________________________
   Brief reason for choice:_______________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________

3. Name of College________________________________ Degree Desired________________
   City and State ______________________________________________________________
   Brief reason for choice:_______________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________

Is there other information that might be relevant to your application? If so, please include it here. Add an additional sheet if necessary.

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IMPORTANT: ALL MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31.

Send to: Norma Ross Walter Scholarship Program
        Willa Cather Foundation
        413 North Webster Street
        Red Cloud, Nebraska 68970
        Telephone (402) 746-2653 | (866) 731-7304
Letter to support application to the Norma Ross Walter Scholarship Program of the Willa Cather Foundation

Applicant’s Name ___________________________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________________

Person Writing Letter ________________________________________________________

(Optional) I hereby waive the right provided by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment) to view this letter of recommendation in my file at the Willa Cather Foundation.

Signature of Applicant_________________________  Date __________

(The applicant should complete the items above and give this form to three persons well acquainted with her education and abilities. Of these three, one should be one of her English teachers, a second should be another of her teachers, and a third should be a non-teacher qualified to comment on her abilities and purpose.)

Instructions to the writer: Please comment in detail and state the basis for your judgment regarding the applicant’s ability to carry on college work with a major in English. Use the reverse side if necessary.

Mail the completed form and letter to:

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Red Cloud, Nebraska 68970
Telephone (402) 746-2653 | (866) 731-7304

Signature_________________________________________ Date ________________

Title/Position______________________________________________

Institution/Organization and Address _______________________________

______________________________________________________________

Phone (_____) ____________________