

The Carrie Babb Scholarship and Award in Geography

Background

Carrie E. Babb graduated from Kutztown State Normal School in 1936. She later earned a master's degree from Teachers College of Columbia University and did further graduate study at Northwestern University, Eastern Michigan University, Temple University, and the University of Iowa. Ms. Babb was a life-long educator with a passion for geography.

The entirety of the Carrie Babb estate was initially left to Margret A. Schuman with the proviso that if she predeceased Ms. Babb the proceeds from the estate would go to the Kutztown University Department of Geography. Although Ms. Schuman outlived Ms. Babb, she declined the bequest insisting, instead, that the Department of Geography directly benefit from the estate.

The Kutztown University Department of Geography received approximately \$370,000 on December 22, 1998. This gift remains the largest ever received at Kutztown University for an academic department scholarship program.

Overview

Carrie Babb Scholarship in Geography

Proceeds from the Estate of the late Carrie E. Babb fund this scholarship. It is a permanent endowment to recruit and retain geography majors that demonstrate excellence in academic ability and achievement. Available scholarship funds will be divided among chosen recipients. Babb scholarship funds are for fall and spring semester sessions only, and recipients must register as full-time students. Funding is limited to eight semesters with renewal subject to departmental review prior to the start of each semester. Babb scholarship funding will terminate if a recipient fails to pass departmental review. Funding may not be reinstated following termination.

Carrie Babb Awards in Geography

When the Carrie Babb Scholarship endowment contains unexpended funds following the awarding of scholarships, the Department of Geography, at its discretion, will publicize Carrie Babb Awards for student research, conference fees, and Kutztown University-sponsored off-campus educational opportunities. Award amounts will be modest and variable.

Scholarship Eligibility and Application

Eligibility

Prospective first-year students of Kutztown University (high school seniors and college transfer students) who intend to major in geography are invited to apply. If no prospective first-year student satisfies the academic standards of the department, current Kutztown University geography majors are considered. All candidates must demonstrate academic excellence.

Scholarship applicants do not have to be admitted to Kutztown University at the time of application. **The review and awarding process begins April 1, so early submissions are encouraged.**

Application

Name _____ Birth Date: _____
Last First Middle Initial Month/Day/Year

Address:

Number and Street Address Country State/Province Zip Code

E-mail Address: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____
Area Code Number

Name and address of your current or the most recent school you attended:

Number and Street Address Country State/Province Zip Code

Will you be attending as a (Check one):

First semester freshman student
Transfer student

Expected Date of Attendance at KU: _____ Semester, _____ Year.

References

Please provide the names and contact information of two references:

1. _____
2. _____
Name and Occupation Telephone Number, E-mail

Supporting Materials

SAT Scores: If you are an incoming freshman with no previous college credits, please request that the College Board send your SAT scores to the address at the beginning of this application. You may make your request when you take the SAT or by contacting the College Board: <http://www.collegeboard.com/> (select "more", then "Score Sender").

Transcripts: If you are a transfer student, please send transcripts showing all prior college courses. College transfer students entering Kutztown University as freshmen (i.e., less than 30 transfer credits) must send *both* SAT scores and transcripts. (Transfer students who are uncertain of their class status at the time of their application should opt to send both SAT scores and transcripts, in case less than 30 credits of previous college work transfer to Kutztown University.)

Essay: Research what geographers do by examining the Association of American Geographers web site at <http://www.aag.org/> and other references of your choosing. Then write a 500-word essay (typed and double-spaced) describing how earning a Bachelor's degree in geography will help you achieve your career goals. Please submit your essay with this application.

Reference Letters: Please arrange to have letters of reference sent from the two references listed above on page 1.

Signatures

The information that I provided on this application is correct:

Name _____ Date: _____
Applicant's Signature Month/Day/Year

Signature of parent or guardian (Required if the applicant is younger than 18 years old).

I hereby affirm that the information provided by my _____ is correct:
(State relationship)

Name _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian's Signature Month/Day/Year

Send Application and Supporting Materials to:

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