

THRAILKILL STUDENT SCHOLAR RESEARCH FUND
College of Mount St. Joseph

The Thrailkill Student Scholar Research Fund assists eligible students with expenses associated with participation in research, presentations at academic conferences, performances, exhibits, competitions and other scholarly events related to their fields of study. The fund is named in honor of Sister Francis Marie Thrailkill for her leadership in advancing academic excellence as president of the College from 1987 to 2008.

Grants up to \$1,000 per student will be awarded. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of faculty and staff who will award the grants based on the number of applicants and availability of funds. Students are eligible to receive Thrailkill Student Scholar Research Funds up to three times during their studies at the Mount. (Grant funds are designed to encourage participation in a scholarly event; therefore only one grant award will be given for attendance only at a scholarly event without presentation by the student.)

Student Eligibility

- Open to Mount undergraduate and graduate students in good standing
- Cumulative GPA of 2.8 or above (attach academic record)
- Write and submit a 200 word essay on research project and use of grant award, indicating participation or attendance
- Faculty recommendation (faculty member needs to submit a recommendation form)
- Upon return, student must provide an accounting of the trip to the committee

Application Deadlines

- No later than 30 days prior to the start of the conference/event
- Earlier application is recommended
- Submit applications to:

**Office of Academic Dean, Adm. 218, College of Mount St. Joseph or
e-mail to beth_franzosa@mail.msje.edu**

APPLICATION FORM THRAILKILL STUDENT SCHOLAR RESEARCH FUND

Student Name _____

Student ID _____

Student GPA _____

Trip Departure Date _____ Return Date _____

Cost for travel _____ lodging _____ fees _____

- ____ I have attached a copy of my academic record
- ____ I have attached a 200 word essay that describes my research and the event I wish to attend
- ____ I have attached a course description or flyer describing the event
- ____ I have asked _____ of the Mount's faculty to submit a recommendation form. The recommendation must come from a faculty member.

Student's signature Date

Office Use Only
Date Received _____

**FACULTY RECOMMENDATION FORM
SISTER FRANCIS MARIE STUDENT RESEARCH FUND**

Student's Name _____ ID# _____

1. The purpose of the Student Research Award is to pay for travel costs and fees incurred by a student who is presenting academic research at a relevant conference or participating in fieldwork related to academic studies. Does this student meet these criteria? Will you be attending the conference with the student?

2. How long have you known this student and in what capacity?

3. Please evaluate this student in the following areas:
(5=Excellent, 4=Very Good, 3=Average, 2=Weak, 1=Poor)

	1	2	3	4	5
Cooperation					
Maturity					
Responsibility					
Interpersonal skills					
Self-confidence					
Motivation to complete experience					

_____ I recommend this student for Student Research Award without reservation.

_____ I recommend this student for Student Research Award with reservation. (Attach explanation.)

_____ At this time, I cannot recommend this student for a Student Research Award.

4. What do you consider this student's strengths which would contribute to a successful group experience?
(Attach response.)

Faculty Signature _____ Date _____

Faculty member should submit this completed form to the Office of the Academic Dean or e-mail to beth_franzosa@mail.msj.edu . The application deadline is 30 days prior to the start of the conference/event for which the student scheduled to present.