

THE DR. RUTH E. SULLIVAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

CRITERIA

The Dr. Ruth E. Sullivan Memorial Fund was established at Northeastern University in 1976 to honor the memory and academic excellence of this extraordinary interdisciplinary teacher and scholar.. Income from this fund will be awarded annually and in perpetuity to recognize and reward undergraduate excellence in *interdisciplinary studies*.

By *interdisciplinary studies* we mean that candidates will be judged on the quality of their work at the intersection of two or more branches of learning; that is, in disciplines not traditionally considered to be closely related. Examples could be psychology and literature, religion and anthropology, mathematics and philosophy. Possible combinations are numerous. We do not mean that “multidisciplinary” is the presence of a double major, or a major and a minor. When evaluating applications the committee looks for creativity, originality, and focus in the student's program of study. As part of the application, the student must provide a clear and persuasive account of her or his interdisciplinary pursuit, and how the various disciplines come together to create a unique approach to their studies. ***This personal statement is the most important part of the application.*** There is no minimum or maximum page limit.

Eligible Students must have begun work that indicates an ability to study the intersection of the disciplines chosen. Nominees for the Sullivan Scholarship should be seniors in the College of Arts and Sciences with a minimum cumulative quality point average of 3.4 and a minimum of 52 Semester hours in residence at Northeastern University.

PROCEDURES

A complete Sullivan Scholarship application will include:

- 1) Application form
- 2) An unofficial Northeastern University transcript
- 3) Three letters of recommendation (recommenders must represent different disciplines; submit with your application in a signed and sealed envelope **or** have your recommender submit to the committee)
- 4) Resume
- 5) Personal statement explaining the interdisciplinary focus of studies

Application materials and nomination forms may be obtained from the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, 1 Nightingale Hall or from <http://www.interdisciplinary.neu.edu/awards/sullivan.htm>. All applications and supporting materials must be typed. **The deadline for returning the completed application and references is Wednesday, February 27, 2008 .** The selection committee will not review materials other than those listed above.

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2008 APPLICATION

I wish to be considered for the Dr. Ruth E. Sullivan Scholarship. (Please type or print)

Name _____ **ID#** _____

Year _____ **Division** _____ **QPA** _____

Earned Hours _____ **Major(s)** _____

Local _____
(address) _____ (phone) _____

Other _____
(address) _____ (phone) _____

Email _____

Check off the Materials Attached to this Application

___ **NU Transcript** ___ **Statement of Interdisciplinary Focus** ___ **Resume**

Please list the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of persons you have asked to submit references for you.

Submitted by _____ **Date** _____
(Signature)

Return to: THE SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Center for Interdisciplinary Studies
1 Nightingale Hall
Northeastern University
Boston MA 02115

Deadline: Wednesday, February 27, 2008.

2008 SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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Application _____

Unofficial Transcript _____

Statement of Interdisciplinary Focus _____

Resume _____

References:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

(This section is to be completed by applicant. Type or Print.)

Name _____ Date _____

Year _____ Division _____ Major(s) _____ QPA _____

Permanent Address _____
(street) (city) (state, zip)

Phones: _____ (local) _____ (other) Email: _____

I, _____ (signature), understand that this reference is confidential and waive all rights to it.

Reference Guidelines

Reference's name: _____ Department: _____

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