Winston W. Benson Memorial Scholarship

The Winston W. Benson Memorial Scholarship endowment fund is accepting applications for its annual scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to a student seeking a graduate degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato in the fields of either political science or public administration and who is planning on entering the public service upon graduation. The scholarship is intended to help pay for the students' tuition and other educational expenses. The student must meet all of the admission requirements of the department of political science and law enforcement graduate programs and must also meet the admission requirements of the Minnesota State University, Mankato, College of Graduate Studies and Research. The department admissions committee will require that students seeking this scholarship carry an excellent undergraduate grade-point-average, and have exhibited an interest in pursuing a career in the public service. It is not required that the student hold a bachelor's degree in political science or public administration.

Dr. Winston W. Benson, during his over 40 years of service to Minnesota State University, Mankato, served as founding chairperson of the department of political science and was the long-term Dean of College of Graduate Studies at the university. His contributions to the university and the larger Minnesota community are long lasting and are celebrated through this memorial scholarship.

Applicants must, along with the usual application forms for admission to the department graduate programs and the College Graduate Studies and Research, submit letters of recommendation from at least two undergraduate instructors who can attest to the students' ability to do superior academic work at the graduate student level. In addition, the applicant must submit a letter explaining why he/she would want to devote a professional career to public service.

Application forms are available in the Department of Government office, 109 Morris Hall. If you need more information please call 507-389-2721.

Application for Winston S. Benson Memorial Scholarship

Please return to the Department of Government, Morris Hall 109 by March 16, 2012.

Name _____ Date _____

Tech ID#_____

E-mail address _____

Local address _____

Local Phone _____

Permanent address _____

Permanent Phone _____

Major in Master's Public Administration _____

Undergraduate GPA _____

Do you expect to be a full-time student at Minnesota State University, Mankato for two semesters of the 2012-2013 academic year?

Yes _____ No _____ If no, explain _____

List two undergraduate faculty instructors who will submit letters of recommendation and are familiar with your work.

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On separate sheets of paper write an essay why you believe you qualify for and are deserving of the Benson Scholarship. Detail your interests, relevant activities, and career goals. Explain why you would want to devote a professional career to public service.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION MARCH 16, 2012

You must also submit a current transcript of your grades as well as your application.