



ASTRAEA LESBIAN FOUNDATION FOR JUSTICE APPLICATION FOR MARGOT KARLE SCHOLARSHIP

EXTENDED DEADLINE for receipt of applications:
Monday, DECEMBER 1ST, 2008 AT 6PM

About Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice

The Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice works for social, racial, and economic justice in the U.S. and internationally. Our grantmaking and philanthropic advocacy programs help lesbians and allied communities challenge oppression and secure their human rights. For information about other Astraea Programs, please visit www.astraeafoundation.org.

About The Margot Karle Scholarship

Margot Karle was an activist for social and political justice. As a lesbian attorney and the Director of New York's Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Margot Karle made significant contributions to the struggle for human rights and social justice.

Astraea makes The Margot Karle Scholarship available to full-time, undergraduate students who are women, and attending a **City University of New York (CUNY)** school -- and who have demonstrated both financial need and a high degree of community involvement in working for social, racial, economic, political, and/or environmental justice. For a list of CUNY schools, please go to CUNY's official website at: www.cuny.edu.

Each year, 1 scholarship of \$1,000 is awarded. Scholarship recipients may not reapply for renewal. Students will be notified of Astraea's decision by mail within **three months** after the application deadline. Please be assured that all comments are kept confidential. Before mailing your application, please review the checklist below, to ensure that you have included all required materials. Please note that **Monday, December 1, 2008 at 6pm** is the **extended deadline for receipt** of all required materials in Astraea's office. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Checklist of Required Materials

- _____ General Information Sheet
- _____ Two Essays
- _____ Transcript
- _____ Two Letters of Recommendation (*Optional, Recommended*)
- _____ Any Supplemental Information (*Optional*)

Applications should be sent to:

Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice
Att: The Margot Karle Scholarship Fund
116 E 16th St., 7th Floor
New York, NY 10003

Part I - General Information

Date of Application: _____

1) Name: _____

2) Address: _____
Street City State Zip

3) Daytime telephone: _____ Email _____

4) CUNY School: _____

5) Year currently enrolled (you must be registered for at least 12 credits to be eligible):
Fall 20____ Spring 20____

6) Current undergraduate level (circle one): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

7) Expected date of graduation: _____
Month Year

8) Program of Study (Major): _____

9) Have you attended another college? (circle one) No Yes Which? _____

10) Ethnicity/race/national origin (optional): _____

11) Other areas of diversity you'd like us to know (disability, cultural, single parent, etc): _____

12) Are you currently employed? Part Time: Yes No Full Time: Yes No

13) List all organizations in which you are currently active and your roles in those organizations.

14) Please describe what you will use the scholarship money for, and how you would otherwise pay for those expenses.

Part II – Essays

You must respond to both essays. Please attach a separate piece of paper for each essay and respond in 500 words or less.

1) *Please describe your past and current community involvement, and tell us why you think you should receive this scholarship.* Keep in mind that this scholarship honors the memory of Margot Karle, an activist for social justice, and is intended for students who have demonstrated financial need and a high degree of community involvement in working for justice and promoting social change. In your essay, please be sure to address the following questions: What does social justice and movement-building mean to you? How does your community involvement reflect this understanding?

2) *Please describe your program of study and future goals.* In your essay, please be sure to address the following questions: What are your future goals and how do you expect to be involved in contributing to progressive social change? How would receiving this scholarship help you achieve your goals?

PART III – Transcripts

Please include one official copy of either your high school transcript (for 1st year students) or previous semester transcript. If using a high school transcript, please also include a copy of letter of acceptance to a CUNY school.

PART IV – Letters of Recommendation (*Optional, Recommended*)

Please include **TWO** letters of recommendation. One letter should be from a teacher, counselor, employer or community activist. The second letter should be from a peer, friend, or colleague.

Letters should be on company/organization letterhead (if appropriate), and all letters should be signed hard copies (not printed emails).

PART V – Supplemental Information (*Optional*)

You may provide us with additional materials such as social justice articles you have written and published, articles written about you or organizations in which you are involved, programs from events or projects you have participated in, or your resume.

Materials will only be returned at your request, if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your application.