



## **FISHER EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Guidelines for Awards**

*Established by a generous gift from  
Donne & Sue Fisher*

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Up to full tuition cost for two MA Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) students

**PURPOSE OF THE FUND:** The Donne & Sue Fisher Scholarship was created to provide scholarship support to students in the Early Childhood Special Education program who are seeking a Master's degree and committed to the education and development of young children with disabilities and special needs.

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Admitted students from the MA ECSE cohort will be invited to apply for Donne & Sue Fisher Scholarship Awards based on demonstrated financial need.
- Demonstrated financial need will be determined by the MCE Office of Budget and Planning and measured by utilizing the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) towards the programmatic Cost of Attendance (COA).
- Admitted students should have a completed FAFSA on file with DU in order to be eligible for this funding.

#### **APPLICATION:**

- An invitation to apply for the scholarship will be sent to all eligible admitted students.



## **Donne & Sue Fisher Scholarship Application Instructions**

*Application by Invitation Based on Eligibility Criteria*

- Submit a 2-3 page double spaced Word document using Times new Roman 12-point font with 1-inch margins in all directions.
- A complete application will include your answers to the following questions:
  - What experience do you have with young children with disabilities or special needs and their families?
  - What is the significance of Early Childhood Special Education and the impact on young children with disabilities and their families?
  - What will you gain from the MA ECSE program, and what impact will you have as an ECSE practitioner in three to five years?
- Applications must be sent via email to [Jeanine.Coleman@du.edu](mailto:Jeanine.Coleman@du.edu) and will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all funds are distributed.
- Priority may be given to early applicants who apply by June 15, 2015.

### **SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS:**

- A Donne & Sue Fisher Scholarship Selection Committee will be formed comprised of three members:
  - One faculty member from the Early Childhood Special Education program
  - One representative from the MCE Office of Budget & Planning
  - One faculty member from Curriculum and Instruction
- Individual award amounts are at the discretion of the Selection Committee and can vary based upon the fund balance, size of the applicant pool, and strength of the applications. Consensus will be reached by a majority vote of the Selection Committee members and final awards will be approved by the MCE Dean.
- Applications will be evaluated based on the following weighted criteria:
  - 20% Demonstrated Financial Need
  - 80% Quality of application materials
- Award recipients will be notified via email and may also be contacted in person.
- Selected candidates will be notified before the start of the fall quarter and scholarship funds will be applied towards tuition for the 2015/16 academic year.