

MARY BOOTH MEMORIAL FUND

Mary D. Booth, M.A., OTR, served as Professor and Director of the Department of Occupational Therapy at San José State University from 1945 to 1965. She was also actively involved in planning this program from 1944 to 1945. During 1957 and 1958, she developed and implemented the Master of Science degree program, the first of three such programs in the country. Her career was highlighted by her selection as a committee member for the AOTA Curriculum Study project. From 1957 through 1959 she was on leave from the college to participate on this committee to analyze the education and training of occupational therapists.

Ms. Booth was a 1929 graduate of Wellesley College. She received the Diploma of Occupational Therapy from Milwaukee-Downer College in 1932, and the Masters of Arts degree in Psychology from San José State College in 1955.

Ms. Booth retired from the department in the Spring of 1971. She died May 22, 1977, leaving a substantial portion of her estate for scholarships to “deserving and worthy” occupational therapy students at San José State University.

The following criteria and guidelines have been established to assist in awarding Mary Booth Memorial Funds for student scholarships.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships will be awarded according to the following criteria:

1. Financial need
2. Over-all GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Past work or volunteer experience that indicates credibility regarding occupational therapy as a career choice
4. Statement that thought has been given to future professional plans

GUIDELINES

1. Master of Science in OT Degree Students are eligible to apply in their 2nd and 4th semesters in the O.T. curriculum.
2. Awards of up to \$1,000.00 will be granted to an individual student. Each application must be reviewed by a committee within the Department of Occupational Therapy. The amount awarded will be determined by the amount requested, the applicant’s qualifications according to the criteria, and the demand for scholarships in relation to the funds available.
3. If the recipient leaves the program for any reason, the amount of the award is to be returned to the scholarship fund.
4. Students can only receive \$1,000.00 total from the Mary Booth Fund.

PROCEDURES

[Applications](#) are available on the Occupational Therapy Department Website OR in the Department of Occupational Therapy Office (CCB 203). Completed applications are to be returned to the department office where they will be referred to a Scholarship Committee for review. If the application is approved, the student will receive a confirmation letter which is to be taken to the Bursar’s Office for disbursement. These letters are typically mailed in June but

the awards are for the Fall Semester. Those awardees who have completed their academic course work and will be starting their Fieldwork during the summer will be awarded their money mid summer. The confirmation letter will specify when you can expect to receive your award.