The University of Utah Graduate School

ANNOUNCES

THE 2017 STEFFENSEN CANNON SCHOLARSHIP

The Steffensen Cannon Scholarship Endowment was established in 1989 by Hugh Cannon in honor of his mother, Ellen Christina Steffensen Cannon. She was a University of Utah graduate who exemplified the pursuit of excellence. A Steffensen Cannon scholar demonstrates strength of character, intellectual and academic achievement, or the potential for such achievement, as well as leadership and other qualities evidencing a desire to pursue excellence. Specifically:

1. The Steffensen Cannon Scholarship is for study at the University of Utah.

2. Undergraduate and graduate students, including incoming freshmen, are eligible to apply.

3. Applicants are restricted to (a) undergraduate or graduate students in the colleges of Education and Humanities, (b) secondary education students (particularly in mathematics, science, and early childhood education) who will be in the College of Education’s teacher certification program by Fall Semester 2017, and (c) direct descendants* of Ellen Christina Steffensen Cannon. Descendants may pursue any program of study at the University of Utah.

4. Descendants receive preference for scholarships where (a) competing candidates are comparable, (b) descendants show reasonable financial need, (c) are incoming freshmen who have maintained a high school standing in the top 25 percent of their class; (d) are undergraduates with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or better; or (e) are graduate students with a 3.0 GPA or better on a 4.0 scale.

5. Undergraduate scholarships are $10,000 for the academic year (no tuition coverage is included). Graduate scholarships are $17,700 for the academic year and include tuition.

6. Undergraduate and/or graduate scholarships are awarded for the academic year with possibility of a second year renewal up to a maximum of two years support. A student must be in good standing as determined by her/his academic department and must remain in the specific program for which the scholarship was awarded.

7. Scholars wishing to apply for a second year renewal must contact the director of Graduate Fellowships no later than December 31, 2016 to obtain renewal information. Graduate student renewal is dependent upon evidence that the student has made significant progress on her/his research project. If a student does not remain in the program and/or does not remain in good standing, the balance of the scholarship monies will be returned to the Steffensen Cannon fund.

8. Students who have held undergraduate Steffensen Cannon Scholarships are eligible to apply as graduate students but will receive no special preference. If an undergraduate scholar graduates after one year of scholarship support and wishes to apply as a graduate student, then she/he must complete a new application.

9. Steffensen Cannon scholars are full-time, matriculated University of Utah students. A scholar may not accept remuneration from other scholarships while a Steffensen Cannon scholar. The intent of this scholarship is to provide recipients the opportunity for full-time study without any burden of employment. If a scholar desires limited employment (<10/wk), then s/he must submit a written request to the Steffensen Cannon Committee for its consideration and approval. The request must include the nature of the proposed work, number of hours involved, why it is necessary to do this work while a scholar, how it relates to the scholar’s academic or professional career, and how it will enhance and not impede the completion of academic work in an excellent and timely manner.

*If an applicant is a descendant, a statement showing the direct lineage must accompany the Steffensen Cannon application. If a direct descendant wishes to claim financial need, please have a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form processed. This form may be obtained from Financial Aid and Scholarships, 105 Student Services Building, University of Utah, 201 S. 1460 E. SLC, UT 84112, 801-581-6211, or complete the form via the web, www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Amended for 2017 Application
All applicants are required to submit the following via the electronic application available on the Graduate School website:

1. A completed and signed application form.

2. A vita or resume.

3. A personal statement of a 1000 words or less describing general activities, intellectual interests, proposed course of study, academic achievements, and leadership and community experiences.

4. Two letters of reference, preferably from faculty who can comment on your academic ability, submitted electronically.

5. Incoming freshmen who are applying for the undergraduate scholarship must include official transcripts from all high schools attended.

6. Undergraduate and graduate students must include official transcripts of all college and university work. If applying for a scholarship renewal, a copy of the previous semester’s academic grades is satisfactory.

7. Graduate students must provide an added statement of no more than five double-spaced pages (12 pt font or larger) specifying scholarly and/or research interests as well as a clear description of the project, thesis or dissertation.

Please be sure to apply to the appropriate listing in the electronic application. For example, if you are a graduate student studying in the College of Humanities, be sure to choose the option entitled, “Steffensen Cannon Scholarship – Graduate – College of Humanities.” If you are a descendent or renewal applicant, be sure to answer the application questions accordingly. If you are an undergraduate in another field (e.g. math) and have been admitted or have applied to the Teacher Certification Program, then the college indicated should be Education and not Science. Complete applications* (items 1-7 described above) must be submitted electronically before 5 pm MST on the posted deadline date.

*NOTE: If you are a teacher education major in a Humanities area; e.g., Communication, English, History, Languages, etc., you must submit a copy of your application to both Education and Humanities colleges. Please notify Jolyn Schleifarth at 1-6020 if this is the case.

DEADLINE

Applications are due by Friday, January 13, 2017. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Awards will be announced prior to April 15. Questions? Please contact the Fellowships Office at 801-581-6020, or e-mail: fellowships@gradschool.utah.edu.

*For requirements of this scholarship, “descendant” means a direct descendant of Ellen Christina Steffensen Cannon; e.g., grandchild, great-grandchild, niece, grandnephew, etc. Indirect relationships, e.g. stepchild, step-grandchild, etc. with the Steffensen Cannon or Cannon family do not satisfy the eligibility requirement for claiming descendancy.