January 7, 2013

Dear Students:

The H.O.M.E. Program at Eastern Washington University is a support service for non-traditional students, both men and women. The goal of H.O.M.E. is to assist non-traditional students in obtaining a quality education. We believe that higher education is the most positive, effective, and lasting means of achieving economic self-sufficiency. Finding and being able to afford quality childcare becomes a critical issue for parents attempting to earn a college degree. The H.O.M.E. Program is offering scholarships to help pay for childcare expenses. The number of scholarships awarded is based on the success of fund-raising efforts from the previous year.

This scholarship requires that you must be enrolled full-time (12 credits) at Eastern for each quarter you are eligible for the scholarship, your child[ren] must be registered in a licensed childcare service, and you fulfill the quarterly conditions of the scholarship which are write a thank you note, attend the Welcome Reception in the fall, get picture taken for publicity purposes, and attend the H.O.M.E. fund raiser in the spring.

Only one scholarship per family will be awarded, but both parents may apply.

Applicants must:

- Complete all questions on entire application [if non-applicable please write N/A - DO NOT leave blank.]
- **Attach two separate letters of recommendation** from individuals who are familiar with your abilities, circumstances, and potential for success in college. A professional (i.e. a professor or a supervisor) should write one of the letters. The other letter can be a personal reference who is a non-relative.
- Complete attached Financial Verification Sheet
- Keep in mind that scholarship applications will be evaluated on the basis of need, obstacles or special circumstances, letters of recommendation, quality and clarity of application, and cumulative GPA.
- **COMPLETE APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 12 NOON, THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013.**

This $900 scholarship will be for the 2013-2014 academic year ($300 will be credited to student accounts each quarter pending fulfillment of winner’s follow-up requirements.)

Scholarship applicants for this award will be notified by early June 2013, whether or not they have received an award. If you have any questions please call the Women's & Gender Studies office at 509.359.2847. *Good Luck!*

Sincerely,

Carol Vines
H.O.M.E. Advisor
Women's Studies Center Manager
Applicant's Name: 

Last
First
MI

Student ID Number: ____________________________ E-mail: ____________________________

Name of Spouse/Live-in Partner: 

Last
First
MI

Current Address: 

Street
Apt.

Permanent Address if different from above: 

City
State
Zip Code
Street
Apt.

City
State
Zip Code

Current Phone Number: ____________________________ Alt. Phone Number: ____________________________

Name(s) and Birth date(s) of Child(ren):

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Childcare Provider Information:

Facility/Name: ____________________________ Contact Number: ____________________________

The H.O.M.E. scholarship selection committee has my permission to view my academic records at EWU and verify childcare use and expenses.

Signature of Applicant ____________________________ Date ____________________________
1. Childcare is one of the most challenging expenses for student parents. Please explain what is unusual about your childcare expenses.

2. How will assistance in your childcare funding effect your ability at attend school?

3. What days and hours is your child(ren) currently attending childcare?

Obstacles, hardships or special circumstances:

4. We recognize that there are numerous issues involved with being a parent and being a college student. Please elaborate on any unique obstacles you have experienced or sacrifices you have made to attend college.

5. How have you handled or are handling this obstacle/sacrifice?

Future Success:

6. How will finishing your education impact you and your child[ren’s] future?

7. If there is anything in this application that you think would mislead the evaluators regarding your situation please explain.
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Childcare Scholarship Application

Current number in household? ___________

What is your average monthly income while you are attending school? ______________________________

Please clarify where this income comes from (financial aid/loans; spouse/live-in partners income; your job; state assistance; gift from parents; etc.) ________________________________

Are you currently doing an internship/practicum/student teaching while also going to school? ____________
    If YES, is it a paid internship/practicum/student teaching? ________________________________

Are you currently working while also going to school? ________________________________
    If YES, how many hours a week do you work? ________________________________

Are you currently receiving child support? ________________________________
    If YES, how much? ________________________________

Are you currently living with your child(ren)’s other parent? ________________________________
    If NO, explain what types of financial support you are receiving from your child(ren)’s other parent.

Are you currently receiving any type of state assistance? ________________________________
    If YES, please state which ones (ie. child care, housing, food, disability, etc.)

Estimate your expected monthly childcare fees: ________________________________

Do you receive any assistance with your monthly childcare from [please circle all the apply]
    STATE       ECAP       ASEWU       OTHER ________________

Please estimate the average amount of childcare that you pay out-of-pocket per month: ________________

Do you expect our monthly income to be similar for the remaining months in this academic year? ________________
    If NO, please note the changes you expect:

Do you expect your financial aid to be similar for the remaining quarters in this academic year? ________________
    If NO, please note the changes you expect:

I certify that the information furnished on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature_________________________________________  Date ________________________________