

## Community Engagement Scholar Award

The MCLA Community Engagement Scholar Award is a reflection of, and serves to honor, the many years of community leadership and service provided by Professor Emeritus Steve Green and his wife, Sue Walker.

### Description:

The designation of "Community Engagement Scholar" will be awarded to an MCLA student who is **responsible for a substantial community service project** during the academic year. The project work of the Community Engagement Scholar will take place in the student's **junior or senior year**. The identified project must be either new or enrich a current community based program in the surrounding community.

**A \$1,000.00 stipend** will be paid to the Community Engagement Scholar in a fashion determined by the student and MCLA's Center for Service. An additional sum may be available to the student for project related expenses. The Community Engagement Scholar has the **option of associating his/her project efforts with an academic, credit-bearing experience such as an internship, service learning or independent study**. The project work will be accomplished and/or come to completion no later than April of 2015.

The Community Engagement Scholar will **summarize the project in a report and publicize the service provided** to appropriate audiences in the community and the college. Additionally, there will be required periodic reporting and reflection (written and in meetings), public presentations (ex: presenting your work at the Undergraduate Research Conference or other public forum) and relevant publicity for the Community Engagement Scholar Award, all to be determined.

**Student selection will take place by the end of October**. The Center for Service Coordinator will also provide, or arrange for, supervision of the Community Engagement Scholar during the course of the project work. Please connect with Amanda Beckwith, the Coordinator of the Center for Service and Citizenship if you have any questions and concerns throughout the application process. She can be emailed on FirstClass or called at 413-662-5061.

**Applications are due no later than Wednesday, October 3, 2014 and must be submitted to Amanda Beckwith via Office 365, or dropped off at Amsler Campus Center Room 322.**

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**Community Engagement Scholar Award Application Fall 2014**  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School in fall 2014 (please circle): Junior or Senior

Project Idea(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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What type(s) of organization(s) do you want to partner with? \_\_\_\_\_

Who do you think would supervise your work? \_\_\_\_\_

Timeline (please circle):                      One Semester                      Two Semesters

The Center for Service understands that you might not know all the details of your project, but please respond as much as possible to the below questions. The vision of your project is what matters most. Please must submit a 1-2 page narrative that includes the following:

- Clearly identify what community issue/problem/need will be addressed, including goals and objectives
- Explain what the project is intended to accomplish
- Who do you envision to be helpful in the successful completion of your project
- Identify how the success of your project/program would be measured
- List dates, titles and description of any significant events/activities in relation to your project
- If additional funding will be necessary to carry out this project/program, please include an estimated budget (funding for the project will be in addition to the \$1,000.00 award).
- Explain the possibilities for sustaining the project or program after your leadership

The narrative should be attached to this form.

Additionally, please include a **letter of recommendation or support** of your application from a member of the MCLA faculty, staff or administration.