

The Grace Berry Award for Women in Graduate Studies

Applications must be sent via email to mmartin@scrippscollege.edu by Friday, May 29, 2026. Email letters of recommendation will not be accepted unless they are sent by the recommender by the due date. Please refer to the checklist on page two of the application when completing your application. No exceptions will be made.

General Information. The Grace Berry Award for Women in Graduate Studies is made possible by a gift to Intercollegiate Feminist Center for Teaching, Research and Engagement from Pomona College alumna Margarita Lorbeer Horner for the purpose of helping women at the Claremont Graduate University pursue their education. The gift was made in honor of Grace Berry, founder of the Pomona Valley Branch of the American Association of University Women in 1918. Grace Berry was a faculty member at Pomona College and dorm mother of the Sumner women's dorm there.

Applications are especially encouraged from students who have already begun work towards a thesis or dissertation and whose work is related to women's and gender studies.

The award amount is \$500. The number of awards made is dependent on funds available.

To see profiles of previous recipients, visit: <https://colleges.claremont.edu/ifc/resources/grace-berry-award/>.

Eligibility. The Grace Berry Award for Women in Graduate Studies supports women in graduate studies across the disciplines at the Claremont Graduate University. The award is intended to pay for expenses connected with students' immediate educational needs, such as tuition payment, purchase of books and materials for classes or research, and so on. It is not intended for conference or travel expenses. Applicants will be judged on established need and academic excellence. Preference may also be given to applicants whose work is related to Women's and Gender Studies and who have begun work towards a thesis or dissertation.

Selection Process. Members of the IFC Steering Committee will review applications. Applicants will be notified of the results of the selection process before the close of the fiscal year (June 30).

Instructions for Grace Berry Award Application

The application for the Grace Berry Award for Graduate Women consists of five parts. The required forms are included with these instructions. Submit your **complete** application to mmartin@scrippscollege.edu.

Application deadline date: May 29, 2026

Your application must include:

- 1. Application Form.**
 - 2. Financial Disclosure Form.** (This is a need-based award; this form will be consulted in the selection process.)
 - 3. Current curriculum vitae.**
 - 4. Personal Statement.** Provide a 1-2-page statement describing your current graduate work and research, why you are applying for the Grace Berry Award, and if relevant, how your work will contribute to Women's/Gender Studies, as well as what you hope to accomplish with the support of the Grace Berry Award. Use this statement to share information that may not be apparent in your c.v.
 - 5. Two letters of recommendation.** Please complete the two recommendation forms **before giving them to your recommenders.** Each recommendation, consisting of the completed form and recommender's letter, must be returned to mmartin@scrippscollege.edu by **the recommender only.** **Deadline Date: May 29, 2026**
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Checklist of Application Materials

- ___ Application Form
- ___ Personal Income Form
- ___ Curriculum Vitae
- ___ Personal Statement
- ___ Letters of Recommendation (2)

The Grace Berry Award for Women in Graduate Studies Financial Disclosure Form

Name _____ CGU Student I.D. _____

Department of Study _____

I plan to take the following number of units during 2026-2027:

Fall _____ Spring _____ Summer _____

I am applying for institutional financial aid from CGU (tuition fellowship, stipend or assistantship)

Please be sure to attach separate documents to describe any special circumstances that would help us when considering financial support for you.

Family Information

Do you expect to receive parental assistance? yes no If yes, how much? _____

Are you married or living with someone in an equivalent relationship? yes no

Do you intend to be married during the upcoming year? yes no

Number and ages of dependents (excluding self and spouse): _____

In your household, how many persons are dependent upon the income and assets shown below? _____

How many in your household will be attending college or graduate school next year? _____

Income Information (use annual figures)	2025 (actual)	2026 (actual)	2027 (projected)
Self (employment gross income)	\$	\$	\$
Spouse (if you are married)	\$	\$	\$
Parents (if providing assistance)	\$	\$	\$
Other Income	\$	\$	\$

Specify source of other income: _____

Expense Information (use annual figures)	2025 (actual)	2026 (actual)	2027 (projected)
Rent or Mortgage	\$	\$	\$
Fixed Expenses*	\$	\$	\$
Other Expenses	\$	\$	\$

*(expenses that will remain the same regardless of your income or where you live, e.g. loan payments, alimony, child support)

Asset Information (current value)	Applicant and Spouse
Cash, savings, certificates	\$
Investments (e.g. stocks, bonds, trusts)	\$
Home and other Real Estate Equity (if you rent write Ø)	\$
Trust Funds	\$

Financing Your Education

Monthly payments on undergraduate loans: \$ _____ Total borrowed: \$ _____ Balance remaining: \$ _____

Can these payments be deferred while you are registered in graduate school? yes no

Monthly payments on graduate loans: \$ _____ Total borrowed: \$ _____ Balance remaining: \$ _____

Can these payments be deferred while you are registered in graduate school? yes no

I certify that the information provided in this form is accurate and that I have omitted no material information regarding my financial situation. I also understand that if at a later determination any information in this application is found to be inaccurate it may result in the withdrawal of any monies awarded to me. I agree to provide or release academic information as requested by the Grace Berry Fellowship Fund.

Signed _____ Date _____

Recommendation Form for Grace Berry Award Applicant

Name of applicant _____

Applicant: Check the appropriate line and sign below, in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, before you give the form to the recommender.

I waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation.

I do not waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

To the recommender:

In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

For how long? _____

Please give your full and candid assessment of the applicant, addressing, where applicable, the following: the applicant's previous work; the applicant's proposed project and its importance in its field; the capacity of the applicant to contribute as an active member of a community of artists and scholars; the importance to of this award to the applicant. (Please attach letter or statement.)

Name of Recommender _____

Title _____

Institution _____

Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Recommender: Please return this form with your letter of recommendation to mmartin@scrippscollege.edu by May 29, 2026.)

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