



# **Neighborhood House Constance Currie Scholarship**

Application deadline: March 6, 2017

The Constance Currie Education Fund was established in November 1959 in memory of Constance Currie to help people in the community further their post-secondary education.

**To help people gain the skills, knowledge and confidence to thrive in diverse communities.**

## Who is Constance Currie?

Constance Currie was the Executive Director at Neighborhood House from 1918-1957. She was dedicated to education and to the community. The scholarship was created in her memory and honors her efforts of assisting community members pursue post-secondary education.

## Applicant Eligibility

- must be seeking a first-time post-secondary education
- must have lived, worked, or volunteered within Saint Paul's West Side community (zip code 55107) at some point in their lives; or been actively involved with Neighborhood House Programs
- previous recipients are eligible to submit applications with a maximum of three awards per individual

## Scholarship Awards

Scholarship awards range from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The annual number of awards are determined based on available funds. Recipients can use their scholarship for any school-related expense at their discretion.

## Application Deadline

### March 6, 2017

Completed applications including all additional required documents must be received via email, fax or postmarked by the deadline to be eligible.

**Mail to:** Neighborhood House  
Constance Currie Scholarship  
179 Robie Street East  
Saint Paul, MN 55107

## Scholarship Coordinator:

Tiffany Rivera-Prescott,  
[trprescott@neighb.org](mailto:trprescott@neighb.org)  
651.789.2513 phone or 651.789.2555 fax

## Award Selection Process

The Constance Currie Scholarship Committee will review and consider only **complete applications which include all additional required documents.**

All qualified applicants will be notified of the committee's final decisions mid-April. All finalists will be interviewed by the committee.

Upon receipt of school registration verification, scholarship checks will be mailed to scholarship recipients.

Applications are rated on the following criteria:

- Personal Statement
- Personal, Academic & Life Achievements
- Community/Neighborhood House Activities
- Financial need
- Letters of recommendation

## Eligible candidates must submit all required documents by the March 6<sup>th</sup> deadline to be considered.

Application – Fully completed application. Applications are available both online at [www.neighb.org](http://www.neighb.org) and the Wellstone Center reception desk.

Personal statement - Your personal statement of one to three pages is the most important part of the application, as it gives the committee a chance to learn what is special about you. See page 7 for additional personal statement guidelines.

Transcripts – Current 2016-2017 school year transcript from high school or college (whichever is applicable). If you are not a current student, please provide your most recent high school or college transcript.

If you are a returning adult more than five years since graduation, provide proof of graduation or proof of GED.

### Two letters of recommendation

One letter from a current school staff member and the second from a non-relative. Returning adults should submit two letters from non-relatives.

## College Access Program

For additional assistance or questions on college admissions process contact Kristen Herndon, College Access Specialist at 612.888.1425, [kherndon@neighb.org](mailto:kherndon@neighb.org) or Mike Herndon, College Access Specialist at 651.789.2508, [mherndon@neighb.org](mailto:mherndon@neighb.org)



## Constance Currie Scholarship Application

**Date**

**Applicant Name**

**Check only one of the following:**

- I am a high school senior
- I am a first time applicant currently in post-secondary education
- I am a previous scholarship recipient applying for renewal (3 years maximum award)
- I am an adult returning to school

**Eligibility Requirements (check all that apply to you):**

- I live or have lived within zip code 55107
- I work or have worked within zip code 55107
- I volunteer or have volunteered within zip code 55107
- I am active or have been active with Neighborhood House Programs

Explain how you meet the eligibility criteria including dates.

## Constance Currie Scholarship Application Personal Information

Full Name:

Home Address (street, city and zip):

Phone:

Cell:

Email:

Current education status:

- High School Senior  
 Enrolled in post-secondary education  
 High school/GED graduate returning to school

High School:

Graduation Date:

### West Side community, Neighborhood House and extracurricular activities

(Use a separate sheet if necessary)

	List program(s) or activities	month/year
<b>Neighborhood House Programs</b>		
<b>West Side community</b>		
<b>High School</b>		
<b>Other</b>		

## Constance Currie Scholarship Application Education Information

**Current college students should skip this section and proceed to the following section.**

College(s) applied to	Annual tuition	Length of program (yrs)	Have you been accepted?

Expected student status:  Part-time  Full-time

Intended major/ field of study:

### Current College Students

List the colleges/post-high school institutions you have attended, including your current school	Dates attended	Annual tuition	Intended degree	# of credits completed

Expected student status:  Part-time  Full-time

Estimated graduation date:

List and provide description of **awards/honors** you have received including dates. Please also include who awarded it and why you were recognized. No explanation is needed for well known awards like Valedictorian or National Merit Scholar.

## Constance Currie Scholarship Application Financial Information

Please help us understand your financial situation by sharing your estimated expenses and income for next year. Please include any scholarships, work income, spouse/partner or other contributing sources.

### *Applicant's estimated school year expenses*

Tuition and Fees	\$
Books and Supplies	\$
Rent/Dorm Fees/Mortgage	\$
Food	\$
Transportation	\$
Other (please list)	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$

### *Applicant's estimated school year income*

Employment	\$
Anticipated Loans	\$
Anticipated Scholarships (please list)	\$
Grants	\$
Other (please list)	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>Total Income</b>	\$

### *Other estimated contributing funding sources*

Parent(s)/legal guardian(s)	\$
Spouse/partner	\$
Other (please specify)	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>Total Other funding sources</b>	\$

### *Work Experience (list most recent first)*

Employer	start date	end date	average # hrs/wk	monthly income
				\$
				\$
				\$

Are you planning to work while attending school? Yes No

Also, please explain any other personal or financial challenges you'd like to share that you think might be helpful in our decision.

### **Personal Statement**

Please submit your personal statement of one to three pages as a separate document. This is the most important part of the application, as it gives the committee a chance to learn what is special about you. We particularly want to know how you got where you are today, your long term goals, and how education may help you achieve those goals. Are there any special circumstances that may make achieving your goals particularly difficult? What do you enjoy? What are your passions? If you are applying for renewal, be sure to tell us about your educational experiences so far.

## **Constance Currie Scholarship Application Required Signature**

I certify that the information given on these pages is factual and correct.

*Applicant Signature*

*Date*

### **Parent or Guardian Permission (if applicant is a minor)**

I certify that the information given on these pages is factual and correct. With my knowledge and approval, my child requests consideration for the Constance Currie Scholarship.

*Parent/Guardian Signature*

*Date*

## **IMPORTANT**

All documents listed below must be submitted. Incomplete applications will NOT be reviewed for consideration. Applicants who do not meet eligibility requirements or submit applications after the deadline will also not be considered.

### **Requirement checklist:**

- Completed application
- Personal statement
- Transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation

How did you hear about the Constance Currie Scholarship?

- High School
- Neighborhood House
- Community Organization
- Other

Other than family and friends, which of these are helping you apply for admission and financial assistance? If you are not getting any help, we urge you to contact Kristen Herndon, College Access Specialist at 612.888.1425, [kherndon@neighb.org](mailto:kherndon@neighb.org) or Mike Herndon, College Access Specialist at 651.789.2508, [mherndon@neighb.org](mailto:mherndon@neighb.org)

- Neighborhood House College Access Program
- High school guidance counselor
- I'm doing this on my own
- Other (specify)