2009 Marie Curie Scholars Program
Scholarship and Application Information

Program Overview:
Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Marie Curie Scholars program at College of Saint Mary aims to increase the number of women who wish to major in the areas of Mathematics, Chemistry, or Biology. The College of Saint Mary (CSM) is now accepting scholarship applications for the fall 2009 for the Marie Curie Scholars Program (MCSP).

This program provides significant financial support for academically talented first year students whose chosen program of study is Biology, Chemistry, or Mathematics. The students selected into the program will be referred to as “Marie Curie Scholars”. These scholars will be able to take advantage of student support and service programs that are designed to enhance their learning experience at CSM.

Scholarship Package:
Marie Curie Scholarships range from $18,100 to $22,400 per year and are based on academic achievement and financial need. (Students will remain a Marie Curie Scholar until graduation provided that they meet renewal criteria each year). These scholars will also receive as part of their financial aid package any federal student financial assistance for which they are eligible and funds are available.

Eligibility criteria:
Eligibility requirements for Marie Curie Scholars Program are:

- Must be a high school senior eligible to graduate.
- Be committed to majoring in Biology, Chemistry, or Mathematics.
- Be a citizen of the United States, national of the United States (as defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act), alien admitted as refugees under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, or alien lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence.
- Have an ACT composite score of 22 or SAT score of 1020 or a GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale (the application form has spaces for each of the above three scores, but not all need to be filled out for your application to be valid).
- Submission of a 200-400 word essay describing student’s interest in the MCSP as well as their interest in Biology, Chemistry, Math, or Engineering. In addition, the essay should explain why they would make a good Marie Curie Scholar.
- Student must be willing to live in the CSM residence halls.
• Must participate in an interview (in-person or via phone) with STEM (Science, technology, engineering, math) faculty.

• Must show financial need. To determine this, students must complete the 2009-2010 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to determine financial need. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to file the FAFSA electronically. This form cannot be filed until January 1, 2009.

• Financial need is defined for undergraduates by the U.S. Department of Education as the Cost of Attendance (COA) for an institution minus the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) for the student.

Marie Curie Scholarship awardees:

• Are not eligible to receive any additional merit award.
• Are eligible for a Flames athletic award OR a $500 music/art award, but not both.
• Are not eligible for a Champions athletic award.
• Are not eligible for the Sister Frances Warde or Mother Leo Gallagher scholarships.

The application packets can be completed in three ways:

By mail. The return address is:
Ms. Ginny Cook
Office of Enrollment Services
College of Saint Mary
7000 Mercy Rd.
Omaha, NE 68106
Email: gcook@csm.edu

By fax. The fax number is: 402-399-2412

Online. Links to the on-line Marie Curie application form can be found at www.csm.edu.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Enrollment Services at 402-399-2413.