

## **Women of Artistic Vision Award Women's History and Awareness Month (WHAM)**

### **Criteria**

Each year, the Women's Studies Program at EIU honors a student for her artistic achievements. All currently enrolled students are eligible to apply and the selection committee will evaluate applications meeting any combination of these criteria:

- Evidence of the student's artistic talent in such areas as visual art, design, music, theater, spoken word performance, creative writing, dance, and film making.
- Evidence of the student's dedication to her artistic practice.
- Evidence of how the student has used her creativity to make outstanding contributions in service to the community or EIU.
- Evidence of how the student has used her creativity to either explore or advocate for political, economic, and social equity, especially women's rights and interests.
- Evidence that she is a role model worthy of emulation.

### **Application Process**

**Part A:** The student applicant should prepare an application packet containing:

1. A cover sheet containing the student's

- Full name
- E-number
- Address and contact information (telephone and e-mail)
- Major and/or minor
- Grade level
- Cumulative GPA

2. A resume listing experiences and accomplishments that are relevant to the mission of this particular award.

3. A written statement that is typewritten, double spaced, uses a 12-point font, and is approximately 250-350 words (approximately one page) in length. The statement should provide the applicant's artistic philosophy or vision, as well as situate her creative work and accomplishments within a context (personal, disciplinary, women's studies, community engagement, etc.). The student should also underscore these points by referring to artistic works included in the application packet.

4. Documentation of the student's creative work. Student should label each example with her full name and artwork's title and date of creation. Writers may submit no more than three examples either as hardcopies or as a pdf. Students working in the areas of dance, theater, filmmaking, and visual arts may include no more than six examples of creative work accessible via links to websites or organized in PowerPoint or Keynote and stored on a CD ROM.

5. Submit applications to Anne Thibault, WAVE Committee Chair, either by e-mail ([abcoddington@eiu.edu](mailto:abcoddington@eiu.edu)) or by delivery to 2347 Doudna Fine Arts Building by **March 1st**.

**Part B:** The student applying for the Women of Artistic Vision Award must also secure a nomination from a faculty or staff member. Students should provide the recommender with a copy of their application materials. The faculty or staff member will provide the committee with a confidential letter of nomination and recommendation contextualizing the student's accomplishments and talents and stating reasons why the student deserves recognition. Send letters via e-mail to Anne Thibault, WAVE Committee Co-Chair either by e-mail ([abcoddington@eiu.edu](mailto:abcoddington@eiu.edu)) or through campus mail by **March 1st**.

The awardee will receive a \$100 cash prize and will be recognized during the Women's Studies Awards Reception. *(The Wave committee may, at its discretion, award certificates of Honorable Mention. Judges also reserve the right not to make an award.)*