Margaret E. Trussell, Ph.D., University of Oregon, was a professor at California State University, Chico from 1966 to 1986. She served as President of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers in 1985-86 and received the APCG's Distinguished Service Award in 1996. As a leader of APCG she supported women in geography, especially graduate students conducting fieldwork. She was a leading force behind the creation of the APCG’s Women’s Network.

The APCG in conjunction with the APCG’s Women’s Network, is pleased to announce the annual competition for the Margaret Trussell Scholarship. Normally, two scholarships are made annually, one to a woman doctoral geography student and one to a woman master’s geography student. All fields of geographical study are welcome. Women students who are members of APCG are encouraged to apply.

The competitive awards are made based on excellence in research design, written proposals and requests for funding, and supportive letters of recommendation. The funds may be used to support fieldwork, archival research, and/or writing. A well-stated research description, timeline of work, and budget are required. Each application should be accompanied by two letters of recommendation from faculty who either know the student or serve on their research committees.

Each application must include the following items:

1. Statement of project including a general overview with references parenthetically cited and a reference section
2. Timeline for completion
3. Budget and identified use of award ($1000)
4. Graduate Transcripts (Unofficial is fine, although official may be requested if awarded)
5. Two letters of recommendation from faculty members
6. Confirmation of APCG Membership & Meeting Registration
7. Contact Information

Faculty members are asked to encourage students to apply and support applicants with letters of recommendation. Applications are accepted in summer but no later than September 1st. Email applications are preferred. If necessary, paper applications may be submitted.

Applicants must be a member of the APCG during the year the award is given. Applicants are asked to attend the Chico meeting (October 25-28, 2017), including the Saturday banquet (unless out of the country). Winners must present a paper concerning the research supported by the award at the APCG meeting this year or next. Winners are further asked to send a short article about their work to the Pacifica editor for possible inclusion in a future Pacifica issue. Recipients must acknowledge receiving an APCG Margaret Trussell Scholarship in any publication based on the supported research.

Please email applications to:

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