

Frances Mayhew Rippy Scholarship Description

English Graduate Students

Department of English

The Frances Mayhew Rippy Scholarship is a yearly award granted in the spring to a graduate student studying literature who has demonstrated excellence in Ball State's English department. The award seeks to encourage students who have shown intellectual leadership and scholarly initiative within the department.

Background: Dr. Frances Mayhew Rippy was a professor of English at Ball State from 1955 to 2001 and specialized in eighteenth-century British poetry. She was a tireless advocate for her students and an energetic member of the department community. Soon after her retirement, her family set up this scholarship fund in her name, which continues to provide a generous funding resource for graduate students. Just as Dr. Rippy eschewed the spotlight, graduate students are also reluctant to seek recognition for their accomplishments. The Frances Mayhew Rippy Scholarship, then, allows graduate faculty at Ball State University to celebrate graduate student accomplishment.

Eligibility: Any M.A. or PhD candidate with a concentration in literature and a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale may be awarded this scholarship. If only one annual award is given, it will go to a student who has not yet received the scholarship. If multiple awards are given, a past recipient may be awarded a second scholarship. No student may receive the scholarship more than twice.

Purpose: The purpose of the fund is to assist outstanding graduate students majoring in literature in English at Ball State University. The scholarship may be used for such expenses as tuition, books, research materials, and travel to conferences and research collections.

Selection: Awarded students will be selected by the literature area committee, based upon an assessment of the quality of the student's work and the student's contribution to the life of the department.

The award(s) will be made in the spring semester, with the recipient(s) announced at the Department of English's annual awards ceremony in April.