

THE ROSE MARIE BEARD WOMAN OF SPIRIT® HONORS SCHOLARSHIPS

The cultivation of women's leadership is a hallmark of Carlow University. Women's leadership is both an art and a skill. The art is reflected in channeling creative, imaginative energy that touches and changes lives in beneficial ways. The skill is evident in the mastery of analytical thinking, ethical decision-making, written and verbal communications, collaborative management, and self-knowledge. At Carlow, you will be encouraged to tap your leadership potential—academically, personally, and professionally.

Eugene P. Beard established the Rose Marie Beard Woman of Spirit® Honors Scholarships in memory of his mother, whose leadership and dedication to her family and strong sense of values had a profound impact on his life and the lives of many others.

The Rose Marie Beard Woman of Spirit® Honors Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to outstanding young women who demonstrate high academic achievement and leadership, and whose personal and professional lives reflect the strong work ethic, indomitable spirit, and compassionate leadership of Rose Marie Beard.

Six Beard Scholars are selected each year for this one-time award of \$4,000, which may be combined with other academic and/or athletic scholarships. Beard Scholars will be awarded a distinguished Beard Honors Medallion to be worn at Commencement and kept in permanent recognition of their achievements. Winners will also have the opportunity to apply for a cash stipend during their junior year to fund their participation in an approved for-credit study abroad program or to underwrite their Honors research project under the guidance of a faculty advisor.

ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA FOR BEARD SCHOLARSHIPS

By February 15 of their senior year, interested students must submit the following to:

**Carlow University, Office of Admissions
3333 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213**

1. A completed application for admission.
2. An official high school transcript reflecting:
 - a. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5;
 - b. A minimum cumulative math and verbal SAT score of 1100 or a minimum composite ACT score of 24;
 - c. Completion and continuing enrollment in a challenging high school curriculum.
3. An essay following these guidelines:
 - a. Indicate your full name and "Beard Scholarship Application" at the top of your essay.
 - b. Essays should address as much of the following as possible:
 - Your personal understanding of what it means to be a leader;
 - How you have demonstrated leadership through school, community, or service activities;
 - How you have exhibited integrity within your leadership role(s);
 - How you have used your leadership role(s) to overcome a challenge or obstacle.
4. A resume and/or list outlining employment, service, extracurricular, and community activities.
5. Letters of reference are optional.

Please note that a phone interview will be required of the top candidates before final selections are made.

CARLOW UNIVERSITY

The Honors Program and the Rose Marie Beard Woman of Spirit® Honors Scholarships



ABOUT CARLOW UNIVERSITY

Carlow University is Pennsylvania's premier, private, women-centered, Catholic university, with approximately 2,200 students. Located in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—the academic, cultural, and medical heart of the city—Carlow balances intensive career preparation with a strong liberal arts foundation.

THE HONORS PROGRAM

The Carlow University Honors Program provides exceptional students with opportunities for shared intellectual experiences and individualized academic development. The program combines academic and cultural experiences within a tight-knit community and focuses on uniquely enriching courses and related projects. Participants learn to value and expand their unique talents.

BENEFITS

Honors students enjoy many benefits that enhance their academic development as undergraduate students as well as their marketability in the professional world:

- Eligibility for Honors Program scholarships and awards
- Eligibility for the Alumnae-Honors Mentor Program
- Enhanced career potential
- Designation of "Carlow Scholar" on transcripts
- Annotation of Honors coursework on academic records
- Special recognition at Commencement
- Early registration for classes
- Involvement with Honors faculty scholars, researchers, and advisors
- Special opportunities for study abroad
- Participation in special Honors trips and events
- Opportunities to design and pursue individualized research projects
- Participation in small, interactive classes with other Honors students

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE HONORS PROGRAM

High school seniors meeting the following criteria will be invited to participate in Carlow's Honors Program:

- a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5
- a minimum cumulative verbal/math SAT score of 1100 or a minimum composite ACT score of 24
- completion of a challenging high school curriculum

For entering students who do not meet these criteria, admission to the Honors Program is possible following the first semester of study at Carlow, provided the student has earned a minimum QPA of 3.6 AND has received a faculty nomination.

International students are nominated to the Honors Program by the Director of International Studies.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

The Freshman Honors Seminar

explores interdisciplinary issues and is taken during the second semester of a student's freshman year. It is typically team taught by professors representing two distinct academic departments.

Honors Sections of Core Curriculum Courses

provide students with intensive, interdisciplinary experiences supervised by Honors faculty. These sections emphasize creative, innovative approaches, and perspectives. Honors students complete two such courses.

The Junior/Senior Colloquium

is a three-credit, interdisciplinary course that examines a challenging social issue through the perspectives of at least three academic disciplines. This course may also utilize guest speakers or other out-of-class experiences to provide additional insight. Previous topics have included Strategies for Social Change and Women and Modernity. Students may register for this colloquium during either their junior or senior year.

Honors Exploration within a Major

enables the student to work closely with a faculty mentor to explore a topic relevant to the student's major field of study. The corresponding project, which must be approved by the Honors Committee, often enhances a student's professional development and candidacy for both employment and admission to graduate school and/or professional school.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will I feel at home in the Carlow Honors Program?

If you enjoy being challenged, pushing yourself beyond ordinary limits, discussing controversial issues, and expressing yourself in new and creative ways, then the Carlow Honors Program is definitely for you. Carlow's Honors students are diverse, representing a wide variety of majors, backgrounds, ages, and nationalities.

Do Honors students take many extra courses?

No. Most of the Honors courses you will take will fulfill university requirements—the Freshman Honors Seminar, the two core courses, and the Junior/Senior Colloquium meet either first-year or core requirements. The Exploration in the Major is an individual project completed outside of class.

How will Honors courses affect my progress in my major field of study?

Honors courses provide innovative and exciting ways to explore disciplinary and interdisciplinary topics. In fact, students often say their Honors courses actually enhance their major field of study by offering novel perspectives and new approaches to learning.

What else does the Honors Program have to offer?

In addition to providing a supportive and stimulating atmosphere for learning, Carlow's Honors Program also offers enriching cultural and social opportunities that foster individual growth, leadership potential, and creative expression. Moreover, the Honors Program helps students work toward their professional goals through the Exploration in the Major experience and the Alumnae-Honors Mentor Program.

INFORMATION

For more information on the Honors Program please contact the Admissions Office and speak to your personal admissions counselor.

**Carlow University Honors Program
Admissions Office, 412.578.6059**

You may also contact:

**Dr. James Carmine, Honors Program Director
412.578.6062 or carminedj@carlow.edu**

Additional information is available on the Honors Website at:

www.carlow.edu/honorsnews/index.html

■ *“The Honors Program offers me an array of challenging course work and surrounds me with people who, by their own excellence, push me to excel. The courses and colloquia have opened my eyes to many subjects that would not have been broached in regular courses. If you're hungry for more complex concepts and ideas, then the Honors Program gives you that little extra to chew on.”*

- Stacy DelleDonne, Senior
History major

■ *“The Honors Program and the Rose Marie Beard Scholarship have been very rewarding experiences for me. They have appropriately challenged me and helped me to better prepare myself for the world ahead. These challenges have shown me what kind of person I can be, and helped me to be more knowledgeable about issues of importance. The Beard Scholarship has enabled me to explore different cultures to better develop my perception of the world.”*

- Krista Hoover, Junior
Elementary Education major

