

## 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.

## FOSTERING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

The cultivation of women's leadership as an art and a skill is a hallmark of Carlow University. The art of leadership is reflected in channeling creative, imaginative energy that touches and changes lives in beneficial ways. This skill is evident in the mastery of analytical thinking, ethical decision-making, written and verbal communications, collaborative management, and self-knowledge. At Carlow, through our advanced programs and scholarships, we support students in developing their leadership potential—academically, professionally, and personally.

## THE ROSE MARIE BEARD WOMAN OF SPIRIT® HONORS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

A major benefit available to Honors students interested in developing their leadership potential—academically, professionally, and personally—is the Rose Marie Beard Woman of Spirit® Honors Scholars Program. Each year this recognition is awarded to outstanding Honors students who have demonstrated high academic achievement and leadership, and whose personal and professional lives reflect a strong work ethic, an indomitable spirit, and compassion. Honors students are highly encouraged to apply to this competitive program to become one of the Rose Marie Beard Woman of Spirit® Honors Scholars.

## HISTORY

Eugene P. Beard established the Rose Marie Beard Woman of Spirit® Honors Scholars Program in memory of his mother, whose leadership, 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 Scholars are students who have been invited to participate in Carlow's Honors program, and who have demonstrated leadership and a strong work ethic while in high school.

## ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

The Beard Scholars Program requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.6; verbal/math SAT score of 1,100 or a minimum composite ACT score of 24; and completion of advanced or accelerated courses, such as two honors courses. A phone interview is required of all top candidates before final selections are made.

## HOW TO APPLY

Students must submit a separate application for consideration as a Rose Marie Beard Woman of Spirit® Honors Scholar by February 15 of their high school senior year. The application packet must include:

1. Personal Essay (include full name and "Beard Scholars Application" at the top of the page). Your essay should clearly and concisely address all of the following:
  - a. your personal understanding of what it means to be a leader;
  - b. how you have demonstrated leadership through school, community, or service activities;
  - c. how you have exhibited integrity and a strong work ethic in your daily life;
  - d. how you have used your talents to overcome a challenge or obstacle.
2. A résumé including your employment, service, extracurricular, and community activities.
3. Letters of reference (optional)

## PLEASE SEND YOUR APPLICATION PACKET BY FEBRUARY 15 TO:

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



## BENEFITS OF THE ROSE MARIE BEARD WOMAN OF SPIRIT<sup>®</sup> HONORS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

- \$4,000 award (can be combined with other academic and/or athletic scholarships during the first year).
- \$3,000 stipend during the junior year to fund participation in an approved, for-credit study abroad program, or to underwrite the Honors research project under the guidance of a faculty advisor.
- Opportunity to apply for one of the Rose Marie Beard Capstone awards at the end of the junior year. Beard Capstone awards are worth \$5,000 toward a student's senior year tuition, to reduce undergraduate educational loans, or for graduate school tuition expenses. Capstone awards recognize superior academic achievement and leadership during the Beard Scholars' undergraduate experience.
- The awarding of a Beard Honors Medallion and presentation box at the Honors Convocation, prior to graduation to each Beard Scholar who satisfactorily completes the Honors Program and Beard Scholars requirements.

“THE HONORS PROGRAM AND DESIGNATION AS A ROSE MARIE BEARD WOMAN OF SPIRIT<sup>®</sup> SCHOLAR WAS A VERY REWARDING EXPERIENCE FOR ME. IT APPROPRIATELY CHALLENGED ME AND HELPED ME TO BETTER PREPARE MYSELF FOR THE WORLD AHEAD. THIS CHALLENGE HAS SHOWN ME WHAT KIND OF PERSON I CAN BE, AND HELPED ME TO BE MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE. THE BEARD SCHOLARS PROGRAM HAS ENABLED ME TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT CULTURES TO BETTER DEVELOP MY PERCEPTION OF THE WORLD.”

—KRISTA HOOVER, CLASS OF 2007  
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJOR

For more information on the Rose Marie Beard Woman of Spirit<sup>®</sup> Honors Scholars Program, please contact Carlow University's Office of Admissions at 1.800.333.CARLOW (2275).



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