

MARION AND JASPER WHITING FOUNDATION

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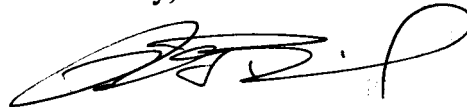
Ms. Karen Frank Mays
Grants Center
Fitchburg State College
160 Pearl Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Dear Ms. Mays:

Enclosed please find the current application material for The Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation. You will find a letter of instructions outlining the purposes of the Foundation and the application procedures. Briefly, the Foundation exists to help college and university teachers pursue their studies at some location other than their usual place of teaching. The trustees may also consider applicants who are college graduates aspiring to become teachers.

Please be aware that January 28, 2008 is the firm deadline for submitting applications. We encourage the qualified members of your faculty to submit applications and we welcome any questions you or your colleagues may have about the Foundation.

Sincerely,



Robert G. Bannish, Trustee

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Enclosure

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“Fellowships for Higher Education of Present and Prospective Teachers”

Origins and Statement of Purpose:

The Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation is a permanent charitable trust fund established under the will of Jasper Whiting, a resident of Dublin, New Hampshire, who died on August 18, 1941. Mr. Whiting left the residue of his estate to the Foundation, as did his wife, Marion, a resident of Boston, Massachusetts, who died on January 28, 1965. The Foundation began awarding annual fellowships after Mrs. Whiting's death. In 2007, the trustees received 70 applications and made 20 awards totaling \$101,872, or approximately \$5,094 per fellowship.

The primary purpose of the Foundation is to award fellowships to present and prospective teachers, with an emphasis on present teachers at the college or university level, to enable them to study abroad or at some location or locations other than that with which they are most closely associated. The aim is to stimulate and broaden the minds of teachers so as to improve and enhance the quality of their instruction. Most grants are primarily for travel and related expenses and not as salary substitutes, scholarships or grants in aid. According to Mr. Whiting's will, the benefits under the Foundation are to be conferred at the sole discretion of the trustees but shall not at any time be denied for reasons of race, color, nationality, religion or sex. There are three trustees of whom two were appointed pursuant to Mr. Whiting's will by Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

While Mr. Whiting expressed a preference toward teachers at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he encouraged the trustees to look beyond these institutions and, indeed, the trustees have welcomed applications from teachers at all New England colleges and universities. In 2007, the 20 winners came from 15 different New England Schools. There is no specific limit to the number of winners from any particular school.

Application Procedure:

Candidates should submit the following material in triplicate to the Foundation's office address above (Attention: Robert G. Bannish, Trustee) **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 28, 2008.**

- (1) a written summary of the project or study contemplated of about two to five pages;

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- (2) a curriculum vitae showing the applicant to be a university teacher or a graduate of a college or university progressing toward a teaching career on the college or university level;
- (3) a budget indicating the estimated expenses to be incurred in carrying out the project;
- (4) three supporting letters from fellow faculty members, professors, or similar persons who can speak both to the candidate and to the project; and any other information that the candidate believes will help his or her application.

All material submitted will become the property of the Foundation and will not be returned. If the candidate wishes the trustees to acknowledge receipt of the application, he or she should include a stamped self-addressed postcard. Please note that the supporting letters should be sent by the writers directly to the Foundation's office.

In an agreement with the Internal Revenue Service, the trustees have set forth certain procedures for making grants from the Foundation. Specifically, the trustees have agreed to make grants with the concurrence of the college or university with which the applicant is affiliated. Such college or university will be responsible for supervising the project. Also, the actual payment will be made to the college or university, which will then disburse funds to the recipient only for purposes related to the project. Finally, the recipient must agree to make a brief report to the trustees within twelve months of the completion of the project.

Applications postmarked after January 28, 2008 will not be considered.

It is expected that awards will be announced on or about March 17, 2008.

The trustees look forward to hearing from you with your application.

Sincerely,

MARION AND JASPER
WHITING FOUNDATION

Robert G. Bannish, Trustee

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