# Women Employee Resource Group (WERG)

## Critical Difference Scholarships Application

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**Scholarships (Choose One)**

**🞎 Carol Kirken Endowed Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students**

The Carol Kirken Endowed Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students was established in memory of Carol Kirken.  Carol deeply held to her belief in providing her children and herself with educational opportunities for achieving success in their chosen career paths.  This scholarship continues her belief and passes along this opportunity for success.

**🞎 Jim and Irene Shields Critical Difference Scholarship**

The Jim and Irene Shields Non-Traditional Student Scholarship is based on generous donations by Robert and Rainy Stephenson in memory of Rainy’s parents.  Rainy’s inspiration for the scholarship was derived from her mother, Irene, who was raised during the Depression and was forced to quit high school as a sophomore to help support her family.  At the age of 60, Irene enrolled in community adult education and received her high school diploma.  Irene’s efforts inspired Rainy to complete her degree at Oakland University.

**🞎 Women of OU (WOU) Critical Difference Scholarship**

The Women of OU Critical Difference Scholarship supports single parents who are looking to go back to college after their education was interrupted.

**General Criteria**

🞎 Must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at OU, maintaining an

overall GPA of at least 2.5, provide an unofficial transcript of grades and

resume

🞎 Must be a non-traditional student (education was delayed or interrupted

by work, family or other obligations)

🞎 Have minor children by birth or adoption ***(except for Shields Scholarship)***

🞎 Must be married or single head-of-household (male or female) as defined by the

IRS tax code

🞎 Scholarship is open to full and part-time students

🞎 Scholarship may be concurrent with other scholarship awards (may affect

financial aid package)

🞎 There is no residency requirement

🞎 Must submit a letter explaining how this scholarship would make a critical

difference in the academic year (500 words or less)

🞎 Must obtain one written recommendation from a former instructor, faculty

member, dean, advisor or employer

🞎 Recipients of this scholarship may reapply for consideration in succeeding years

**Additional Criteria for Carol Kirken Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students**

🞎 Be employed at the time of the award

Application Deadline: March 1st

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student GNumber: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Oakland Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| How did you hear about the Critical Difference Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| Past Recipient of the Critical Difference Scholarship: (Check One) Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| Admitted to Oakland University: Semester \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Major: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
| Class Standing: (Check One) Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_ | |

Total credits earned at all higher educational institutions: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(This information will be confirmed by Oakland University transcript records)

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of credits you intend to enroll for:

Fall 20xx Winter 20xx

Current Employer and Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Please check one if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Full Time (>30 hrs/week) \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time (<30 hrs/week)

Entire household income and support, including adult children living with you, parents, etc.: (Check One)

\_\_\_\_\_ $0.00 - $6,000 \_\_\_\_\_ $6,100 - $10,000 \_\_\_\_\_ $10,001 - $15,000 \_\_\_\_\_ $15,001 - $20,000

\_\_\_\_\_ $20,001 – $25,000 \_\_\_\_\_ $25,001 - $30,000 \_\_\_\_\_ $30,001 Plus

Please verify marital status: (Check One) **\_\_\_\_\_** Single \_\_\_\_\_ Widow/Widower \_\_\_\_Divorced

(Must be single head-of-household according to IRS Tax Code)

## MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

List below the person(s) who live in your household. Place an “X” in the Dependent column for household members you will support between July 1, 20xx and June 30, 20xx. Include yourself, your parent(s), children and any other dependent(s). Mark people as dependents only if they receive more than half of their support from you. (Attach a separate sheet if you have more than five members in your household.)

**FULL NAME AGE RELATIONSHIP “X” IF DEPENDENT**

**1)**

**2)**

**3)**

**4)**

**5)**

## INTERRUPTION(S)

List below the date(s) and reason(s) of/for interruption(s) in your education.

## FROM/TO REASON

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* 1. ATTACHMENTS

The following items must be attached for your application to be considered complete.

\_\_\_\_\_ One (1) letter of recommendation from a former instructor, faculty member, dean or current/past employer.

\_\_\_\_\_ A letter (no more than two pages) explaining how this award will make a “Critical Difference” in your coming academic year including an explanation of how the money will be spent. Describe if you (and your family) have unusual circumstances.

All questions must be answered in order for your application to be considered:

Initial these statement if correct:

\_\_\_\_\_ I affirm that my answers to the questions and all other information furnished are correct and complete. \_\_\_\_\_ I authorize the release of all Oakland University student records to the Women of Oakland University

Scholarship Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_I authorize the Women of Oakland University Scholarship Committee to forward this information to other

scholarship sources.

Signed: Signature of Applicant

Date: