



The Frederick Douglass Institute At West Chester University of PA

Announces its

Dr. Patricia Grasty Gaines Book Award (Four Awards at \$500 each)

THIS BOOK AWARD IS OPEN TO ALL FULL-TIME STUDENTS IN GOOD STANDING

"Once you learn to be read, you will be forever free." --Frederick Douglass

Abolitionist and Human Rights Advocate (1817-1895)

The **Frederick Douglass Institute** invites applications for the **Dr. Patricia Grasty Gaines Book Award** for academic excellence, leadership, and community service. This award provides deserving students with grants for textbooks. In recognition of the value that Douglass placed on education, literacy, and social justice, and in memory of Dr. Grasty Gaines, the Frederick Douglass Institute presents worthy recipients with financial support to purchase books.

Dr. Patricia Grasty Gaines Book Award Application Criteria

- **Must be full time.** Graduate students must be enrolled in minimum of 9 credits, and undergraduate 12 credits;
- **Must have a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.75;**
- **Must be in good academic standing;** and,
- **Must submit a completed application by April 4, 2012.**

Dr. Patricia Grasty Gaines Book Award will be presented at the annual Frederick Douglass Institute Multi-Cultural Leadership Dinner on **Thursday, April 12th, 2012.**
Award Recipients must attend the dinner to receive their award.

All application materials must be received no later than Thursday, April 04, 2012
to FDOUGLASS@WCUPA.EDU OR Frederick Douglass Institute, Rm. 408 in the Francis Harvey Green Library.

Book Award recipients are expected to participate in FDI activities and serve as FDI ambassadors during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Application and More information?

http://www.wcupa.edu/_ACADEMICS/Fdouglass/

OR Google: Frederick Douglass Institute West Chester University

**Frederick Douglass Institute
Dr. Patricia Grasty Gaines Book Award Application Form**

Your Complete Application must include:

1. Completed Application Form.
2. A 200-word personal statement discussing why you would like to receive this award.
3. A 400-word essay on a **personally-selected Douglass Quote (see next page)**
4. Recent unofficial transcript

Send Completed Application in a single WORD or PDF document no later than
Thursday, April 04, 2012, by email: fdouglass@wcupa.edu OR by hand-delivery to the
Frederick Douglass Institute in Francis Harvey Green Library Room 408.

PART I of II– Please Print Legibly

Personal Information:

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): _____

WCU ID #: _____

Street Address:

(City, State, Zip) _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Permanent address (if different from current):

(City, State, Zip) _____

Education Information:

Major: _____

Placement Year: ____ First-year ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____ Grad. Student

Overall GPA: _____ Expected date of completion: _____

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PART II: Essays

Autobiographical Essay (200 words): This short essay should include your academic background, future goals, and why you are deserving of this award. Feel free, if applicable, to include information regarding scholarship and honors and community service.

Short-Analysis Essay (400 words):

Provide a personal interpretation of a Frederick Douglass Quote

- “No man can put a chain about the ankle of his fellow man without at last finding the other end fastened about his own neck.”
- “To suppress free speech is a double wrong. It violates the rights of the hearer as well as those of the speaker.”
- “Knowledge make a man unfit to be a slave.”
- “Once you learn to be read, you will be forever free.”
- “It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.”
- “If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground.”

General Instructions for Writing Essays

- **Essays are doubled-spaced.**
- **Each page should include your name.**
- **The first page should be the autobiographical essay.**
- **The second page should be your Frederick Douglass Quote essay.**
 - (a) Alert the selection committee of your selected quote at the top of the page in the left-hand corner. See example below:**
 - Name:**
 - Quote:**
 - (b) Do not include your name and quote in the 400-word count.**