**Application**

**The Margaret P. Benson Memorial Scholarship**

**Items to be submitted:**

1. Completed application form (this document – Word or PDF)
2. Responses to Essay Questions (separate Word or PDF document)
3. Electronic copy of your financial award letter for current year (PDF)
AND / OR a written description of personal or financial circumstances (Word or PDF)
4. 1 letter of reference (must be originally signed, submitted in PDF format)

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: March 11, 2024**

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name:

UI Student ID Number:

Current Mailing Address:

Phone:

Email Address:

Number of Dependents (if any):

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

**Please check your current classification:**

[ ]  Undergraduate student [ ]  Graduate/Professional Student

**Expected Graduation Date:**

**Major/Primary Area of Study:**

**List** the names and dates of all colleges, universities or other post-secondary institutions you have attended. Include the Degrees/Credits earned for each:

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION / PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Do you have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid for the current or upcoming year?

[ ]  Yes -- please include a copy with your application

[ ]  No

How much student loan debt do you currently have? $

How do you currently finance your education?

You may attach a separate document (Word or PDF) describing any personal and/or financial circumstances you wish to have considered as part of your application.

**ESSAY QUESTIONS**

Please submit your responses in a separate Word or PDF document, limited to no more than 3 pages in total.

1. Why is the Margaret P. Benson Memorial Scholarship important to you?
2. During your time as a post-secondary student, how have you spent your time outside the classroom?
3. This scholarship is intended to recognize a woman who demonstrates both financial need and a demonstrated commitment to women’s issues, diversity/equity/inclusion, and/or social activism. Please describe on how you have demonstrated these commitment/s, and your future plans to do so.

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