

Evelyn Woods Thomson Scholarship Application NSU's 2020 Oregon Shakespeare Trip

Source and Purpose

Established in memory of an Oklahoma public high school English teacher, the Evelyn Woods Thomson Stipend Endowment provides study and travel opportunities for Oklahoma public high school English teachers.

Number and Amount of Scholarships

Two (2) scholarships of \$1,050 will be awarded to Oklahoma public high school English teachers who go on the Oregon Shakespeare trip and take the "Study Away: Shakespeare" course in Summer 2020.

Requirements

To apply for this scholarship, you must:

- Currently teach English (including Shakespeare) at an **Oklahoma public high school** (*Because of the stipulations of this endowment, teachers in middle schools, private schools, and out-of-state schools can't be considered.*)
- Be able to attend the pre-trip class session on July 25 and go on the Oregon trip August 3-9.
- Talk with Dr. Bledsoe to confirm that you are eligible for the scholarship.
- Submit your scholarship application, essay, and letters of recommendation so they are *received* no later than **February 28, 2020**.

To receive this scholarship, you must:

- Use the air and ground transportation provided for the group.
- Pay the remaining cost of the trip not covered by the scholarship.
- Pay tuition and fees for 3 hours of graduate or undergraduate credit in the "Study Away: Shakespeare" course. *You don't have to be pursuing a master's degree at NSU, but you must enroll for credit in this course.*
- Agree to write, after your return from the trip, a thank-you letter to the family of Evelyn Woods Thomson.

For More Information

- Group leader and course instructor: Dr. Jenny Bledsoe (918-449-6541; bledsoej@nsuok.edu)
- Website where all trip documents are posted: <http://jennycbledsoe.com/osf/>

Northeastern State University
Application for Evelyn Woods Thomson Scholarship
Oregon Shakespeare Trip
August 3–9, 2020

Full name of applicant:

First: _____ Middle/maiden: _____ Last: _____

NSU ID number (for current NSU students): N _____

Complete home mailing address, including ZIP code: _____

Home phone: ____ - ____ - _____ Work phone: ____ - ____ - _____ Cell phone: ____ - ____ - _____

Preferred e-mail address: _____

Alternative e-mail address: _____

Name of the Oklahoma public high school where you teach English: _____

Number of years you have taught at this school: _____ in Oklahoma public high schools: _____

Total number of years you have taught: _____

Courses you teach and other duties you perform at school: _____

Shakespeare plays you have taught in the last 5 years: _____

<u>Education</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Date received</u>
Bachelor's degree completed	_____	_____	_____
Master's degree completed	_____	_____	_____
Master's program in progress	_____	_____	Hours completed: ____

Please ask each of the above institutions to **send your official transcript** to Dr. Jenny Bledsoe, or you may enclose a **sealed official transcript** with your application form. *If you are currently enrolled in NSU, you may enclose an unofficial transcript printed from the NSU Web site.*

Along with this application form, **please submit an essay** (suggested length 2 double-spaced pages) describing your background and experience in the study and teaching of Shakespeare's plays and explaining how your participation in the Oregon Shakespeare course will help you become a more effective teacher.

Please have a **letter of recommendation emailed directly to Dr. Jenny Bledsoe**. The letter should explain why you should receive this scholarship to study at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Please request letters from any of the following:

- a present or former school administrator under whom you have served
- a present or former colleague with whom you have taught
- a present or former student you have taught
- a present or former teacher of yours

Send your application and essay to Dr. Jenny Bledsoe and request that your transcript(s) and letters of recommendation be sent directly to her, by any of these means, so that she receives them by February 28, 2020:

- U.S. mail: NSU-Broken Arrow, 3100 E. New Orleans St., Broken Arrow, OK 74014
- Hand delivery: NSU-Broken Arrow, BALA 280
- E-mail: bledsoej@nsuok.edu