

About Your Scholarship

Scholarship: JANETTE GUNTHER DREW SCHOLARSHIP

History of the Scholarship:

In 1930, as a young English major at the University of Oregon, Janette Drew wanted to be a teacher but found few opportunities. In 1994, fulfilling her life-long desire to make a meaningful contribution through education, Mrs. Drew established an endowed scholarship in the UO College of Education to support students preparing to be teachers. In addition to scholarships at UO she also established teacher preparation scholarships at Oregon State University and Portland State University.

One of her joys was to look at the scrapbook of cards and notes various students sent her. She was always pleased when one of “her students” won an honor or received a promotion or finished a difficult exam.

Mrs. Drew passed away in 2003. Greg Benner '99, one of the first Drew scholars, went on to earn his Ph.D. from University of Nebraska. He had the privilege of personally knowing his benefactor. “Mrs. Drew’s passing has made me reflect about the impact she has had on children and families throughout the country, and on me in particular. She had a tremendous and lasting impact on my life, my family life, and the lives of children and families I have served and will serve. She made me want to give more, work harder, and do all I can to change the lives of children. She was a benefactor and friend I will always remember. “

In 2004, the UO College of Education received an additional \$700,000 for the scholarship through the distribution of her will.

The Janette Gunther Drew Scholarship supports chosen students beginning their junior years through teaching licensure.

Special Criteria:

- Students preparing to be classroom teachers (donor was particularly interested in encouraging study that had technical or commercial emphasis).
- Demonstrated academic excellence
- Renewable through licensure if student is in good academic standing
- Student is an Oregon resident

Mrs. Drew is deceased and there are no living donors to thank for this scholarship.