

**Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Student Affairs in Higher Education  
Nancy J. Newkerk  
Scholarship Application**

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Honoring an outstanding retired IUP student affairs educator, the Nancy J. Newkerk Scholarship is awarded to a SAHE student upon completion of her or his first academic year in the program. The scholarship recognizes how the recipient's contributions and accomplishments during the first year in the SAHE program "demonstrate promise for the student affairs profession." The recipient will be selected by the SAHE faculty upon consideration of this application, two letters of support from higher education administrators (preferably student affairs educators) with whom the student worked or interned during their first year of the program, a resume, and a self-statement. To be eligible, students must be in good academic standing.

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This application, with all requested information attached should be submitted to 206 Stouffer, c/o Dr. John Mueller by **October 15**. The award will be announced before the end of the semester.

Application packet must include the following:

- Application form (pg. 1)
- Self-statement
- Resume
- Two letters of reference

The self-statement and the letters of reference are important components of the application. They allow the reviewers to assess the degree to which the applicant's accomplishments and contributions reflect the qualities that characterized Ms. Newkerk's own professional practice:

- A commitment of service to her/his institution
- A student-centered approach to her/his practice
- A demonstration of citizenship and civic responsibility
- An emphasis on developing positive working relationships

*Letters of reference and self-statements should address the ways in which the applicant has demonstrated any or all of these qualities.*

Because this award is given in recognition of Ms. Nancy Newkerk, this application contains a brief biography of Ms. Newkerk's career (pg. 3).

## Nancy J. Newkerk Biography

A native of Liberty, N.Y., Ms. Nancy Newkerk started her career as an elementary music teacher. She earned her bachelor's degree in music education from Oberlin College and her master's degree in student affairs administration from Syracuse University.

Ms. Newkerk served as the dean of women at IUP (back then, State Teachers College at Indiana, PA) from 1957 to 1967 where she was in charge everything from Orientation to managing the small loans funds to women's housing to the discipline committee. In her "spare time" she prepared the college's master calendar.



Ms. Newkerk left Pennsylvania to take a position in admissions at Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., from 1967 to 1978. She returned to IUP in 1978 as the associate dean of Admissions until her retirement in 1994. She was known for her skill at developing positive relations among the county, town, and university.

Ms. Newkerk is an enthusiastic fan of IUP athletics and was inducted into the IUP Athletic Hall of Fame as an honorary member in 2006. She is active as a volunteer mentor for IUP's student-athletes, working to oversee the academic progress of freshmen during weekly required sessions. She also serves on a number of scholarship committees at IUP.

In 2008, Ms. Newkerk was honored as a "Notable Woman" by the Indiana, PA branch of the American Association of University Women. She served as president and secretary of this same organization and chair of the Educational Foundation Scholarship Committee, which screens and awards scholarships to nontraditional female students.

In 2009 Indiana University of Pennsylvania presented Ms. Newkerk with the President's Medal of Distinction for Professional Achievement. This Medal of Distinction is the highest nondegree award presented by IUP. Newkerk has been an active member of IUP's University Acquisitions Board, which coordinated the construction of the current residence facility at IUP at Punxsutawney.

In the community, Newkerk served as a board member of Grace Manor, a senior living apartment complex. For six years, she served on the Indiana County Hospice Board of Directors. Newkerk has been a forty plus-year member of the choir of Grace United Methodist Church and served on various church committees.

Ms. Nancy Newkerk established this scholarship with SAHE department in 1999 to insure that emerging practitioners would be recognized for their accomplishments in and contributions to a field that she loved. Recipients of the scholarship also receive a plaque that recognizes "contributions that demonstrate promise for the student affairs profession."