

SJSU OT Endowed Scholarship Application Instructions for OT students

Bonita Kraft Endowed Scholarship: Applicant must describe interest and previous experience in mental health. Please include the following statement on the application:

Bonita Kraft, OTR/L, is a 1972 graduate of the SJSU Occupational Therapy Department. She was named the 1999 OT Distinguished Alumna for the College. The Bonita Kraft Endowed Scholarship is designed to support a graduate student, during fieldwork, who has demonstrated interest in working in the area of mental health as an occupational therapist.

Mary Booth Endowed Scholarship: Applicant must describe service that was NOT an assignment in a class. Please include the following statement on the application:

Mary D. Booth, M.A., OTR, served as Professor and Director of the Department of Occupational Therapy at San José State University from 1945 to 1965. She was also actively involved in planning this program from 1944 to 1945. During 1957 and 1958, she developed and implemented the Master of Science degree program, the first of three such programs in the country. Her career was highlighted by her selection as a committee member for the AOTA Curriculum Study project. From 1957 through 1959 she was on leave from the college to participate on this committee to analyze the education and training of occupational therapists. Ms. Booth was a 1929 graduate of Wellesley College. She received the Diploma of Occupational Therapy from Milwaukee-Downer College in 1932, and the Master of Arts degree in Psychology from San José State College in 1955. Ms. Booth retired from the department in the Spring of 1971. She died May 22, 1977, leaving a substantial portion of her estate for scholarships to “deserving and worthy” occupational therapy students at San José State University.

Lorraine Pedretti Endowed Scholarship:

Please include the following statement in the application:

Lorraine Pedretti was a highly respected occupational therapist and educator. She was identified as one of the 100 most influential occupational therapists in the first 100 years of the profession in 2017. Professor Pedretti created the leading profession textbook focused on Occupational Therapy for Physical Dysfunction. The textbook, now in its 9th edition, is translated into several languages and used worldwide.

Wynn Schultz-Krohn Endowed Scholarship: Applicants must describe their leadership and volunteer service beyond required class assignment. Please include the following statement: Dr. Donald Friedrich and Mrs. Donna Friedrich established this scholarship to recognize and support occupational therapy graduate students who demonstrate service and leadership to the department and profession in honor of Wynn Schultz-Krohn. The Wynn Schultz-Krohn scholarship is awarded to support students during their occupational therapy academic experience