

# Bertha Kalm Application Form

This scholarship is the result of an endowment made by Bertha Kalm on behalf of her parents, Amanda and Charles Kalm. She established the scholarship in 1995 expressly "to support graduate students in any field of instruction, who need financial assistance to continue their education, and who demonstrate a desire to make a difference for humanity."

Note: Students may not submit paperwork directly to the College of Graduate Studies. Please work with your tenure or tenure-track mentor to submit through your college. Your college will forward their selections to the Graduate Studies & Research committee for review and determination of awards.

## Applicant Information:

Your Name (First and Last):

Mentor's Name (First & Last):

Student ID:

Email (SJSU only):

Phone:

College AND Department:

Required documents:

- Complete application
- All graduate and undergraduate transcripts, and current course list
- Statement of Purpose. In 1,000 words or less, in your own words, discuss what you would like to achieve with your master's degree, how you plan to achieve it, and how it will make a difference for humanity. (Finalists may be personally interviewed regarding their Statement of Purpose.)
- CV or Resume (Your CV should include all of your accomplishments including your work experience, any volunteer activities, and any research or creative activities).
- Two letters of recommendation. One recommendation must be from your nominating mentor. Your second letter of support can be from a faculty member other than your mentor, or a professional reference from an employer or volunteer agency.

The Bertha Kalm Scholarship award is based on the following three criteria:

- 1) *Quality of scholarship that has established eligibility for admission to a graduate program.* This will be evaluated by a student's performance before graduate school.
- 2) *Personal statement regarding goals to be achieved by the master's degree.* This will be assessed by how well the applicant links their degree and educational goals with their desire and plans to make a difference for humanity.
- 3) *Faculty assessment of potential success.* This is based on student's letters of recommendation where "success" is broadly defined. The highest scores will be given for evidence of both academic success and goal success.

Applicant Signature:

I, the applicant, hereby consent to the release of information to verify any data on this application including eligibility for financial aid.

**Signature**

**Date Signed**