



Joanne T. Emerson Nonprofit Leadership Scholarship

Joanne Tripp Emerson was an alumnae of Needham Broughton High School ('55), and St. Mary's College ('57), located in Raleigh NC. She received her BA and MA in history at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and was a firm believer that education was a major and continuing factor to a person's well-being and success. In 1986 Joanne became the executive director of Interfaith Community Services of SC in Columbia. Under her leadership she founded the SC Association of Non-Profit Organizations, the SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, and a low-country micro-enterprise initiative, as well as expanding numerous programs and partnerships. A colleague remembers her this way; "probably the most brilliant, well-read person I have ever known. She was so passionate about what she believed in...She was an icon in the nonprofit world in Columbia, and was well respected by everyone that worked with her."

Joanne was vehement in her views concerning social justice and dedicated her life to promoting this concept for the benefit of disadvantaged individuals, families and communities.

The Joanne T. Emerson Nonprofit Leadership Award supports graduate students in pursuing an education aimed at fulfilling the goals that Mrs. Emerson so dynamically and passionately pursued.

Purpose: To support MA NPO students (1 per summer) dedicated to social justice and committed to pursuing a career in nonprofit leadership.

Award Amount: \$500

Eligibility:

1. Current MA NPO students who have been enrolled for at least two consecutive semesters, including part-time.
2. Have achieved at least a 3.5 average GPA.
3. Have shown a commitment to social justice consistent with the example set by Mrs. Emerson's life and career.
4. In need of financial support to pursue summer internship opportunities.

Application Process: Submit letter (no more than 2 pages) by March 20, 2015, addressing how your activities while in the MA NPO program, as well as your future goals, align with social justice as exemplified by Mrs. Emerson's life and career and how the award will support your financial needs regarding completion of internship requirements over the summer. Letters can be e-mailed or delivered in hard copy to:

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