

Application Form

Please complete this form and submit it to the following address by **May 31**. Applications are reviewed in June of each year.

*The Ben and Ruth Gustafson Scholarship Committee
UND Division of Continuing Education
PO Box 9021
Grand Forks, ND 58202-9021*

Last Name First Name MI

Street Address/Box Number

City State Zip Code

Social Security Number

Phone Number

E-mail Address

In which distance education degree program or certificate program are you enrolled?

Expected Graduation or Completion Date:

Name, Fax Number and E-mail of Local Newspaper:

By signing below, I give permission for my academic record information to be released to the award committee of the Ben and Ruth Gustafson Scholarship Committee and the UND Office of Student Financial Aid.

Signature Date

Please attach typed responses to the essay questions on the next panel. (Length: No more than one page per question.)

Essay Questions for Application

Note: To be eligible for a Ben and Ruth Gustafson Continuing Education Endowment Scholarship, complete and submit the application form at the left and attach typed responses to the following questions. (Please limit your answers to one page per question.)

1. How will the completion of this distance education program enhance your future goals?
2. What impact will the Ben and Ruth Gustafson Continuing Education Endowment Scholarship have on your efforts to complete your degree or certificate program?

For More Information

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The Ben & Ruth Gustafson Continuing Education Endowment



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*Providing scholarships
to students in
distance degree and
certificate programs*

UND University of
North Dakota
Grand Forks

A Legacy of Learning

Ben and Ruth Gustafson not only dedicated their lives to higher education, they left behind a legacy of learning. Ben began more than 30 years of service to UND and students when he accepted a position as chemistry professor in 1941. In 1957, he took on the challenge of overseeing, strengthening and broadening the University's extension programs. During the next 12 years, nearly one out of every five North Dakotans was served by the Division of Continuing Education. After retiring as dean, Ben served as coordinator of research and development until 1974. During the early 1970s, Ben was named North Dakota Adult Educator of the Year and received the Julius M. Nolte Award for outstanding leadership from the National University Continuing Education Association. In May 1980, Gustafson Hall, which houses Continuing Education offices, was named in his honor. Ben died in 1982.



Gustafson Hall is located at Campus Road and Centennial Drive on the University of North Dakota campus.



Ruth Gustafson signs The Ben and Ruth Gustafson Continuing Education Endowment papers at a desk once used by her husband Ben.

Ruth's dedication to education, the University, music and the arts was apparent throughout her life. In addition to a 23-year career working in the UND Registrar's Office and Alumni Office, Ruth played the violin with many musical groups including 45 years with the Grand Forks Symphony Orchestra. At the age of 95, she continued to show an interest in students and often asked, "How are things going at the Division of Continuing Education?" Ruth died in June 2000, three months after officially signing the papers for the Ben and Ruth Gustafson Continuing Education Endowment for distance learners.

Today, the Gustafson family includes Ben and Ruth's son Bernard (Kay), daughter Lorna Berge (Thomas), five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

UND alumni often share with me stories about Ben Gustafson. Although the names and situations change, the basic theme is the same. Ben helped students any way within his power, often making personal sacrifices. He was a true friend to many people, young and old alike.

Robert H. Boyd, Vice President, UND Division of Student & Outreach Services

Eligibility

The Ben and Ruth Gustafson Continuing Education Endowment Scholarships will be awarded once a year. To be eligible, you must be enrolled in a University of North Dakota Division of Continuing Education program that is (1) approved by the Board of Higher Education as an undergraduate or graduate degree program, or (2) offered as a Continuing Education certificate program. In addition, you must submit a completed application form by May 31. Past recipients of the Ben and Ruth Gustafson scholarship are not eligible to reapply.

Off-campus degree program applicants need to be admitted to the University of North Dakota and complete two consecutive semesters in the program before applying for a scholarship.

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by the Award Committee in June of each year. The number of scholarships and the amounts will depend on the annual availability of funds. Students awarded scholarships will be contacted by letter.

Acceptance of Award

Upon acceptance of the Ben and Ruth Gustafson Continuing Education Endowment Scholarship, you will be notified about how the scholarship funds will be distributed and you will be encouraged to send an acknowledgment to the Gustafson family.