The Christine H. Smith Dean’s Circle Scholarship
for Students in the College of Health and Human Development

Amount: $1,500 toward tuition.

Number of Awards per Year: 1 (annual scholarship)

The purpose of the Christine H. Smith Dean’s Circle Scholarship is to provide support to a student/students in the College of Health and Human Development.

2017 Application Deadline: April 4, 5pm.

Scholarship recipients will be notified in late April or early May and will be honored at a scholarship celebration and have a seat at the Dean’s Circle Meetings for one year (attending three or more meetings).

The scholarship awards undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the University's College of Health and Human Development. Criteria include scholastic achievement (minimum 3.0 GPA) and demonstrated financial need. Candidates will be chosen by a committee comprised of Dean’s Circle members and faculty of the College.

Selection Criteria
Students who are interested in the award will be asked to complete this application by April 3, 2017, and should be turned in to the Dean’s Office.

Applications will be reviewed according to the following weighted point system:

- GPA
- Academic Performance
- Financial Need
- 2017 Application Deadline: April 4

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Application Form:

Name: _______________________________ Student ID: _________________________
Cell/Home Phone: _____________________ Email: ______________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________________
GPA: ___________ Expected Graduation Date (Semester/Year): _________________

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The College of Health and Human Development is offering the Christine H. Smith Dean’s Circle Scholarship to current undergraduate and graduate students.

Instructions:

Attach a 2-3 page typed sheet that provides information on the following:

• Educational Biography (Please provide us with your educational biography. Were there any key educational experiences/programs/mentors/professors who have supported you through your education? Are there any pivotal life experiences or events that shaped where you are today?)

• Career Objectives (What are your future academic and career goals?)

• Recommendations (Please list one faculty member who would recommend you for this award. Faculty members do not need to provide written recommendations).

The awards committee and faculty of the Dean’s Circle volunteers will review applications and make the final decision of the scholarship recipients. Scholarship recipients will be notified in late April or early May and will be honored at a scholarship celebration and have a seat at the Dean’s Circle Meetings for one year (Attending three or more meetings).

Deliver or mail your application, to be received by 5pm April 4, 2017, to:

California State University, Northridge
College of Health and Human Development
Christine H. Smith Dean’s Circle Scholarship
18111 Nordhoff Street
Northridge, CA  91330-8215

You can also hand-deliver your application to the Dean’s Office in Sequoia Hall (SQ) 220. Phone 818-677-3001

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Dr. Christine Smith was born to Herbert W. and Nellie M. Hamilton, the third of three children, on November 5, 1938, in Midwest, Wyoming. After a childhood rich in music and love of animals, Christine made her way to Southern California where she enrolled in San Fernando Valley State College (SFVSC, now California State University, Northridge) majoring in Home Economics. Her job sewing costumes in the Drama Department at SFVSC changed her life forever as that is where Christine met the love of her life, Owen Smith, whom she married in 1967.

They were friends and colleagues, husband and wife. They were two CSUN graduates and faculty members whom friends referred to as soul mates. Owen ’65 (Theatre), M.A. ’67 (Drama) and Chris Smith ’64 (Home Economics), both influential members of the CSUN community, passed away just 81 days apart in 2013 — Owen after battling cancer and Chris after an accident at her home.

“They were one of those couples that their whole world was wrapped up in their relationship and feelings for each other,” said Alyce Akers, friend and colleague of Chris. “It was a fairy-tale kind of relationship you see in movies. They fell in love when they were very young, married and were just a beautiful, wonderful couple.”

Prior to their passing, the Smiths, so loyal and dedicated to the university that was their second home, decided to leave a gift from their estate to CSUN. In their will, the Smiths directed funds in the form of planned gifts to CSUN, including the Dean’s Circle Endowment in the College of Health & Human Development.

Over the course of her career, Dr. Smith was presented with numerous awards but because of her devotion to students, the Distinguished Professor Award was her most cherished. Chris was not only the co-advisor of Family & Consumer Science’s (FCS) Student Dietetic and Food Science Association for 21 years, but also as the Director of the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD), she guided students through the coursework that academically prepared them to become Registered Dietitians. Even after her 2001 retirement, she remained an active member of FCS’s DPD/DI (Dietetic Internship) Advisory Board.

Chris’s educational career includes a BS degree in Home Economics from SFVSC, an MS degree in Nutritional Sciences from the University of California, Los Angeles and a PhD in Pharmacology and Nutrition from University of Southern California, School of Medicine. She became a Registered Dietitian in 1978 and later (1995) a Certified Nutrition Specialist.

Dr. Smith’s research focus led her to becoming co-editor of a popular reference work: Food-Medication Interactions first published in 1978. She remained an active contributor to its biennial revisions for nearly 30 years.

Active in the area of Food Technology, Dr. Smith was a well-received speaker at an IFT (Institute of Food Technologists) Annual Meeting and served its Annual Meeting Session Committee several times. Chairing the Southern California IFT Section’s Scholarship Committee (more than once) was also professionally fulfilling. Such dedication was honored in 2005 when she became recipient of the SCIFTS Distinguished Achievement Award.

Retirement years were busy for Christine: volunteering as a dedicated tutor in the Los Angeles Public Library Adult Literacy Program; joining several “Chicken Ladies,” who faithfully cared for the chickens in a project at a nearby elementary school; travelling with her husband to many magnificent places: India, China, Papua New Guinea, Australia, Fiji, Antarctica, all over Europe, and more. But those quiet moments that she and her husband had at home were always shared with a beloved member of the feline family. Hers was a wonderful and full life.

First and foremost, Chris was an educator who cared deeply about the success of her students. Family and friends of Dr. Christine H. Smith, Professor Emerita, California State University, Northridge, passed away on December 20, 2013. - Dee Larkin