

The James B. and Vera A. Sadler Scholarship for Graduate Students



Education was central to James and Vera Sadler's lives no matter where they made their home.

James, an Arizona native, graduated from the University of New Mexico in 1938. That same year he and Vera — a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University and a high school teacher in her hometown of Callaway, Neb. --- were married.

The Sadlers' union was the beginning of an adventure that spanned more than sixty-four years. Both enrolled in Pennsylvania's Crozer Seminary. There Vera studied Greek under a professor who didn't believe women were capable of studying such a difficult language, but her sharp mind won him over. She became his assistant, tutoring her male classmates and taking charge of the classroom when her instructor was away. Jim received a Bachelor of Divinity Degree in 1941, and so did Vera --- the first woman to do so from that seminary.

In 1961 the couple moved to Sioux Falls. Dr. James Sadler had been hired to chair the Psychology Department at Sioux Falls College, now USF. Vera taught English at Washington High School, a position she held for 22 years. She received her Masters Degree from Augustana College in 1965 and occasionally taught summer classes at Augustana College and Sioux Falls College. The year Vera turned 65, the Sioux Falls School District repealed its mandatory retirement policy, and Vera, by then chairwoman of the WHS English department, opted to teach five more years.

James passed away in 2002; Vera in 2004. Both were 91 years old.

Applicants must —

- Be a high school or middle school teacher who has a minimum of two years teaching experience in English/Language Arts and either currently teaches English/Language Arts at Washington High School or is a graduate of Washington High School teaching English/Language Arts.
- Be pursuing a graduate degree in Education, English, or Language Arts at an accredited college or university.

To Apply, submit in one package —

- A letter of recommendation from the principal of the school where you're employed.
- Your personal letter of application certifying you are a Washington High School graduate or teacher and giving this additional information —
 - The name and address of the college or university you plan to attend.
 - The name of the advanced degree you are seeking.
 - A list of the coursework and credit hours to be completed under this award and when you plan to take each class.

Application deadline is April 1, 2012.

Awards are available for up to \$150 per credit hour and may be used any time during the following 12 months. Previous recipients are eligible to reapply.

Send completed applications to:
Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation
Sadler Scholarship – Graduate Students Committee
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