

Carol Cornwall Madsen Student Paper Award in Mormon Women's History

*In honor of long-time BYU History Professor,
Author, and Mormon Historian, Carol Cornwall Madsen*

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Criteria:

1. Available for full- or part-time undergraduate students at Brigham Young University.
2. Awarded for a substantial paper in Mormon women's history written for a BYU History Department course during 2008 on an original topic or using an original approach or method.
3. Research paper to be based largely on primary sources. (Many resources are available at L. Tom Perry Special Collections in the Harold B. Lee Library.)
4. Length to be a minimum of 10 pages double spaced.
5. Follow Chicago Manual of Style (Turabian) guidelines.
6. May be submitted by the student or nominated by the instructor.
7. Due in the History Department office 2130 JFSB by February 15, 2009. The cover sheet should include name of student, course and instructor for whom the paper was written. Also include contact information for the student and the nominating faculty member, if any.

Judging:

Rankings will be based on:

1. Significance and originality of topic or approach.
2. Clear statement of thesis and logical development of argument.
3. Convincing use of primary and secondary sources.
4. Personal reasoning and thoughtful interpretation of data.
5. Contribution to existing scholarship.
6. Style of presentation, including appropriate vocabulary, clear sentence structure, and good grammar and spelling.

Awards:

1. A check for \$250 and a certificate will be given to the award recipient at the History Department Awards Banquet in April 2009.
2. The winner is encouraged to submit her or his paper for presentation at a Mormon History Association (MHA) meeting.