



Application for 2025-2026 Denise Taber Finard '80 Women's Institute Ambassadorship

An important piece of the mission of **The Denise Taber Finard '80 Women's Institute at Russell Sage College** is to develop programming, support integration of programming with academics, showcase women's accomplishments and provide support for the next generation of feminist leaders. One creative way we do this is through the **Student Ambassadorship**. Student Ambassadors will collaborate with the Faculty and Executive Directors to develop and deliver Women's Institute's events and programming (3 or more events each semester); attend one admissions event/open house each semester and/or host students interested in the Women's Institute Ambassadorship; participate in summer 2025 orientation and/or moving-in weekend; and make academic progress toward the completion of the Women's Studies minor or **complete one course in women's studies**. Student Ambassadors will attend weekly planning meetings with the Faculty Director of The Denise Taber Finard '80 Women's Institute. For planning purposes and to ensure opportunities for collaboration during the 2025-2026 academic year, Student Ambassadors should plan to be **available on Wednesdays between 11am-3:30pm**.

The Denise Taber Finard '80 Women's Institute at Russell Sage College is now **accepting applications for the 2025-26 cohort of The Women's Institute's Student Ambassadors**. Student Ambassadors are eligible for a **\$1,500 scholarship**. All students enrolled full-time and **who are in good academic standing** at Russell Sage College are eligible to apply for the Ambassadorship. Applications are to be received no later than **May 15, 2025**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Award recipient(s) will be announced on or before **August 1, 2025**. Recipients will be notified by Email.

To apply for the Ambassador Scholarship email the following to Dr. Michelle Napierski-Prancl, Faculty Director of The Women's Institute (napiem@sage.edu):

- ☐ Name, address and mobile phone number
- ☐ Class year and major
- ☐ Personal statement (see next page)
- ☐ Resume

Personal Statement (New Applicants)
(Limit: 500 words)

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Personal Statement (Returning Ambassadors)
(Limit: 750 words)

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