



STUDENT APPLICATION

The mission of Cather Circle is to prepare University of Nebraska–Lincoln female students for lifelong success in their careers and personal lives through mentoring and networking with successful alumnae and friends.

The Members

Alumnae members are selected for their accomplishments in their careers and civic activities and their desire to mentor University of Nebraska–Lincoln female students. All are highly successful women with a myriad of backgrounds and professions.

Students are chosen for their interest in personal and professional growth and in developing their leadership abilities.

Since its inception in 1999, more than 280 alumnae and 400 students have participated in Cather Circle.

The Program

Meetings are held each fall and spring at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln campus where attendees benefit from mentoring, professional development and personal growth. Alumnae are provided the opportunity to reconnect with the university and share their wisdom as mentors and role models. Students are matched with mentors to assist them in their development and link them to jobs and internships across the nation in all fields.

A committee of circle students and alumnae selects and plans the program for the meetings. The format varies, but tries to address the diverse interests of the members through speakers, panels and group discussions.

Eligibility

All full-time female students in good standing (2.5+ GPA) at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln may apply to be Cather Circle student members.

Participation

In order to reap the benefits of this program, students selected for participation are expected to attend both biannual meetings. This will require missing one Thursday and one Friday of classes, activities and work each semester. While letters are provided asking that the students be excused from classes for Thursday and Friday, students are expected to make every effort to work with their instructors to find alternative times to take tests, and make up labs and class work. Membership in Cather Circle requires a commitment of time from both alumnae and students for a successful experience.

Additional opportunities are available to participate on Cather Circle committees and other social and educational programs throughout the year.

Terms

Students are selected to serve a one-year term from July 1– June 30. If they meet participation requirements, they then have the opportunity to return to the program each subsequent year they are enrolled as UNL students. Once a member, students do not need to reapply.

Upon graduation, students are eligible to become “Sibert” members (Sibert was Willa Cather’s middle name) for a period of time before becoming eligible to be considered for alumnae membership. Membership fees are waived for the Siberts, allowing recent graduates the opportunity to stay connected to the program while launching their careers.

Cost

The cost for students to participate in the program is \$25 per meeting. This money covers the cost of four or five meals and all meeting supplies and activities. Scholarship opportunities are available for students who need financial assistance to attend the meetings. There is no cost to apply to the program.

To Apply:

Complete the application form and your answers to the essay questions. The form must be printed or typed. Resumes are not necessary and will not be forwarded to the selection committee.

Please return all materials to the Wick Alumni Center, 1520 R St., Lincoln, NE 68508-1651. **The application deadline is May 15.** You can also apply online at www.cathercircle.com. All applicants will be notified of their status by e-mail in July.

See reverse side for application form.

The Cather Circle Mentoring and Networking Program

APPLICATION FOR STUDENT MEMBERS

Name _____ Nickname _____

Local address (*next fall*) _____
Address *City/State/Zip*

Local telephone number _____ Spouse's name _____
If Applicable

E-mail address _____ Hometown _____

Parents' names (*optional*) _____

Summer address _____
Address *City/State/Zip*

Telephone number _____

Class standing (*next fall*): Graduate Student Senior Junior Sophomore

GPA _____ Expected graduation (Month/Year) _____

College/Major (*Ex: Arts and Sciences/Psychology*) _____

UNL/Community activities _____

Professional aspirations _____

Internship/Job/Volunteer experience _____

Do you work during the semester? Yes No If yes, how many hours per week? _____

Hobbies _____

How did you hear about Cather Circle? _____

Please answer the following questions with 250 words or fewer per question.

1. Why do you want to join Cather Circle? Additionally, please discuss your willingness and ability to meet the participation requirements of the program.

2. Give an example of how your involvement in an organization or activity (student organization, work experience, community activity) made a difference to that program or organization.