

The Ed and Judy Lynn Scholarship

Each academic year the Ed and Judy Lynn Scholarship provides financial assistance to newly admitted graduate students enrolled in the Masters of Arts in Communication Studies (MACS) program. Students receiving a Lynn Scholarship are engaged academic leaders and embrace the values of Ed Lynn, which include a lifelong ethic of hard work, leadership, personal accountability, and a commitment to helping others develop their potential. They are expected to work closely with a MACS faculty mentor on projects related to teaching, research, or community service. This commitment normally involves roughly ten hours of engagement per week during the spring and fall semesters.

The Ed and Judy Lynn scholarship provides two awards of \$5,000 per year. The award is renewable one time, so a qualified student may receive two years of funding. Renewal is not guaranteed. However, a student who maintains a strong record of academic achievement and intellectual engagement would typically receive a second year of funding. Renewal decisions are made by the graduate director in consultation with the donor and the faculty mentor. Awards will be sequenced so that in any given year one student will receive first-year funding while another will receive second-year funding.

To qualify, applicants must:

- have a strong academic record
- financial need
- be admitted in good standing to the MACS program

A BA/BS degree in Communication from ASU's New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences at the West campus is desirable but not required.

To be considered for the scholarship students should first complete the application process for the MACS program. Along with the standard application materials they should submit (1) a personal statement explaining their fit with the values and purposes associated with this scholarship (this should be separate from the personal statement required for program admission), (2) a statement explaining financial need and the student's own contribution to covering the costs of attendance, and (3) the application for the scholarship. These materials should be 1-2 typed pages and should be submitted by April 15.

Ed Lynn was a successful Arizona businessman and community leader, known for his lifelong work ethic, entrepreneurial spirit, generosity to others, and disarming sense of humor. Ed was a supporter of the Communication program during Judy's time on our campus. With Judy, he made the Lynn home available for planning events, invited faculty and students to social events, and shared wisdom developed from his many years as a leader in business. Judy Lynn is a 2008 graduate of the MACS program. She worked closely with our faculty on projects linking university and community during her time in the program. For example, she was a research and community outreach assistant for the Osher Lifelong Learning Program and she completed an applied project that built upon her longstanding leadership role in the Assistance League of Phoenix. Ed passed away in 2011 and Judy created the scholarship to honor his legacy.