



Joseph F. Wall

SESQUICENTENNIAL SERVICE AWARDS

*“If the end of life is service,
as we believe, it is the duty of the college
to hold up more than an ideal of service.”*

PRESIDENT JOHN H.T. MAIN, 1906

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Since its founding, Grinnell College has had the aim of instilling in its graduates the importance of serving the wider society. In 1996, at the time of celebrating the Sesquicentennial of that founding, the College inaugurated a program designed to draw attention to this aspect of its heritage, while at the same time creating opportunities for alumni to contribute service to society which otherwise they might be unable to offer.

The Joseph F. Wall Sesquicentennial Service Awards, named in honor of the late Professor of History who always inspired an ideal of social responsibility in his students, annually provide financial support for selected graduates to engage in a period of service in projects, programs and organizations which are dedicated to improving the lives of others.

ELIGIBILITY

Any graduate of Grinnell College with a commitment to service for the benefit of others.

AWARD AND CRITERIA

Awards of up to \$20,000 will be made for two projects in 2005. The amount of each award will depend upon the proposed project and the budget of the selected grantees.

Service Award Projects should be able to demonstrate a tangible benefit to others.

Project proposals should include a clear plan of implementation including a project budget. Projects may be original or supplement existing projects or programs; projects may address issues specific to local communities, regions or of wider global concern.

The Service Award is not given to pursue formal education or fund research under the auspices of formal research bodies.

Alums should be principals in their respective projects and should have direct involvement for the life of the project.