The Paschal Scholars Program provides a unique opportunity for talented women to pursue careers in mathematics, computer science, science and engineering. Initially supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation to support underrepresented populations in these fields, Paschal scholars will not only receive a scholarship, they will also participate in a learning community. A mentoring program will help to prepare students for careers in industry, government and education, as well as assist students in exploring options for graduate studies. For freshmen and sophomores, the emphasis of the mentoring program will be on academic success and achievement. In addition to mentoring, Paschal Scholars will have the opportunity to attend a speakers program, in which outside speakers address topics of interest for women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The Paschal Scholars Program is named for Rosa Catherine Paschal, the first person to earn a mathematics degree from Meredith College.

Paschal Scholars will receive a scholarship ranging from $2,000–$5,000 per year, with the option of yearly renewal for up to four years or as appropriate. The scholarship award is based on academic credentials, potential for success at Meredith and financial need. To become a Paschal Scholar, students must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a United States citizen, refugee, alien, or a permanent resident alien at the time of application.

2. Be enrolled full-time at Meredith College. Students must also be declared majors in Computer Science, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology or Engineering, or have signed a letter of intent to major in one of these disciplines.

3. Demonstrate academic potential and ability. Entering freshmen Scholars must have a combined SAT score (critical reading and math) of at least 1050, a score of at least 550 on the quantitative portion of the SAT, or equivalent ACT scores. An unweighted academic high school GPA of at least 3.0 (as determined by the admissions office) is required of entering freshmen scholars, while transfer and current Meredith students will need to have at least a 3.0 GPA in their college work.

4. All Paschal Scholar applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and demonstrate financial need as determined by the Office of Financial Assistance. The FAFSA can be filed electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Meredith’s code is 002945.

In order to continue eligibility in the Paschal Scholars Program:

1. Students will maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at Meredith College. Additionally, students should show progress towards degree completion by taking at least one course per semester in the major.

2. Students receiving the scholarship may not be employed more than 20 hours per week while school is in session.

3. Students will participate in the Paschal Scholars Program Learning Community by attending the Paschal Scholars Speakers Series, and through involvement in mentoring activities. Additionally, Paschal Scholars are encouraged to participate in undergraduate research, internships and study abroad.
APPLICATION FOR THE
PASCHAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM
at Meredith College

Deadline: January 15
For New Students

● Section One

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ E-mail address: ___________________________

High School, Currently Attending: ____________________________________________________________

Intended Major (check all that apply):

○ Biology                  ○ Chemistry
○ Computer Science          ○ Engineering Dual Degree          ○ Mathematics

Intended Career Path (check all that apply):

○ Industry

○ Teaching: ○ Elementary School ○ Middle School ○ High School ○ College

○ Graduate Program (name the curriculum) _______________________________________________________

Example: graduate school in mathematics, medical school, Master of Education, etc.

● Section Two

Please submit a resume including co-curricular, extra-curricular and community activities.

● Section Three

Please write a paragraph addressing each of the following questions:

1. What experience(s) caused you to choose this program of study? Discuss your experiences and your motivation to complete your chosen major.

2. How will participating in this Scholars program benefit you? Please be specific.

3. Discuss your anticipated career path.

Application deadline is January 15 for first-time students and transfer students, and review of applications will begin immediately. Invitations to the Paschal Scholars Program will be issued in March. Applications should be sent to the Paschal Scholars Program, Office of Admissions, Meredith College, 3800 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27607. In order to be considered for participation in the Paschal Scholars Program, applicants must also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and indicate Meredith College to receive your information.

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