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### **University of Minnesota seeks Novak Scholarship applications**

MINNEAPOLIS/ ST. PAUL (07/21/11) — The College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota invites applications for the Louis P. and Mary Ann Novak Scholarship Fund. Recipients must be new full-time undergraduate students who demonstrate academic promise and financial need. The award is renewable for three additional years provided acceptable progress. Preference will be given to students with an interest in studying Central European studies, in particular, Croatian or Hungarian studies, or preference will be given to first-generation college students, or students majoring in history.

The Louis P. and Mary Ann Novak Scholarship was established by the Novak family to honor Lou and Mary Ann Novak. Of Croatian parentage, Lou spoke only Hungarian and Croatian until he was five years of age. Until his death in 2004, Lou served as President of the Croatian Cultural Society of Minnesota for ten years, bringing together Croatians throughout the state of Minnesota for cultural and social functions.

Mary Ann, a first generation Italian American, has volunteered at the Immigration History Research Center as well as the Friends of the IHRC, helping to preserve the stories of immigrants, helping keep her Italian heritage and Lou's Croatian heritage alive, and helping others learn about their own family history.

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