# TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY
# COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION
# DEPARTMENT OF READING

## *LILLIAN RIZZO SPICOLA DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP*

Rose Spicola has established the *Lillian Rizzo Spicola Scholarship* in honor of her mother. This scholarship provides a unique opportunity for a graduate doctoral student whose major is reading. This $500 scholarship is granted in the Fall and again in the Spring and may be applied to the cost of tuition, fees, and books. It can be applied for twice. To be eligible for this scholarship, you must meet the following criteria:

1. Be admitted into the TWU graduate school by the Department of Reading in pursuit of the North Texas Area Federation Reading Doctoral Program
2. Have a minimum overall graduate grade point average of 3.5 on a 4-point scale
3. Be enrolled in at least 6 graduate hours each semester awarded
4. Experience financial need

To apply for this scholarship you must:

1. Complete a Lillian Rizzo Spicola Scholarship application form.
2. Submit a written essay explaining the reason you would like to pursue a doctoral degree in reading.
3. Provide evidence of financial need.
4. Submit a current transcript.
5. Request two letters of recommendation from **academic** faculty who can verify your commitment to the teaching of reading and interest in pursuing a doctoral degree. These letters must be mailed directly to the scholarship committee by November 1, 2009.

All requirements of the scholarship application should be sent to:

Dr. Betsy Kaye, Chair
The Lillian Rizzo Spicola Scholarship Committee
Texas Woman's University
Department of Reading
P.O. Box 425769
Denton, TX 76204-5769
940-898-2227

Applications that do not include all required components will not be considered.

Finalists will be selected by the Lillian Rizzo Spicola Scholarship Committee. The Lillian Rizzo Spicola Scholarship recipient will be notified each semester and will be honored at the TWU COPE Awards Ceremony in the spring. The winner may also have the opportunity to serve as an ambassador for the Department of Reading.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **Fall: November 1**
**Spring: February 7**