Available Scholarships

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Boilers Go to D.C. Financial Need Award

Lamb School Scholarships

College of Liberal Arts Scholarships

Department of Political Science Scholarships

Purdue University Scholarships
Boilers Go to D.C. Financial Need Award

This scholarship is for students who have been accepted into the Boilers Go to D.C. course.

Deadline: March 1, 2024
Amount: Award amounts will vary by individual student need

Criteria for Eligibility: Students must have met all eligibility requirements for the Boilers Go to D.C. course and have been accepted into the course by the course instructors. Awards are based on the individual student’s financial need.

To Apply:
Submit a letter of financial need to Andrea Langrish at langrish@purdue.edu.

- Include your name, major and minor, and year in school
- Tell us about yourself and why you applied for the Boilers Go to D.C. program.
- Explain how you are currently paying for college, including what you personally are doing to contribute financially (scholarships, working student jobs, loans, etc…)
- Describe any financial challenges/difficulties you and/or your family are facing
- Explain how you would benefit from the scholarship—including your academic and career goals

Letters will be reviewed to verify student eligibility and to determine the award amount. Awards are not guaranteed.

For questions, contact Andrea Langrish, Managing Director, Center for C-SPAN Scholarship & Engagement: langrish@purdue.edu
The Charles G. and Susan Y. Armstrong Scholarship
This scholarship supports students participating in a Washington, DC study or internship program.
Deadline: April 1
Amount: $1000
Criteria for Eligibility:
Applicants must be admitted communication majors or pre-communication majors with nothing less than a B- in pre-communication classes. Students must participate in a DC study or internship program to be eligible.
To Apply:
Email Professor Josh Boyd (link below) with the following information: name, PUID, GPA, concentration (if applicable), and a statement of 200 words or less describing the Washington experience you’re planning and what you expect to gain from it.
For questions, contact the Lamb School Undergraduate Director: Professor Josh Boyd.

Lamb School of Communication Community Service Award
This award recognizes students who have provided sustained service in response to pressing needs at Purdue, in their local community, or in the larger world as opposed to simply performing a laundry list of short-term service activities: in other words, it acknowledges a student's depth and continuity of service in one particular area.
Deadline: March 1
Amount: $500
Criteria for Eligibility:
Student must be a pre-Communication or admitted undergraduate Communication major.
To Apply:
Email Professor Josh Boyd (link below) the following information: name, PUID, GPA, a statement of 200 words or less describing the service you have been involved in while at Purdue, and the name and contact information of a person who has supervised or can otherwise vouch for your service activity.
For questions, contact the Lamb School Undergraduate Director: Professor Josh Boyd.

Lamb School of Communication Distinguished New Communication Major Scholarship
Deadline: March 1
Amount: $500
Criteria for Eligibility:
This $500 scholarship is awarded annually in the spring to a new Communication major. The student must have received an A or an A- in all pre-communication courses with no retakes. Eligible students must have completed their pre-communication courses by December of the previous calendar year. This award is only available to new Communication majors.
To Apply:
Email Professor Josh Boyd (link below) with the following information: name, PUID, GPA, concentration, an unofficial transcript copy, and a statement of 200 words or less describing your most valuable experience so far in the Lamb School.
For questions, contact the Lamb School Undergraduate Director: Professor Josh Boyd.
**Lamb Scholars**
This scholarship honors the legacy of Brian Lamb.
Deadline: March 1
Amount: 2 scholarships of $2,000 each

Criteria for Eligibility:
To qualify for this scholarship, a student must be: Officially an in-state student, an undergraduate with a graduation date no earlier than May 2024, admitted to the Brian Lamb School of Communication or a pre-communication student who has earned an A or A- in at least one pre-communication class (and nothing less than a B in any other pre-communication classes) The school's undergraduate committee will select a winner based on academic performance and community engagement.

To Apply:
Email Professor Josh Boyd (link below) with the following: name, PUID, GPA, concentration (if applicable), hometown, and a statement of 200 words or less describing how you have been involved in your community.
For questions, contact the Lamb School Undergraduate Director: Professor Josh Boyd.

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**William Wigglesworth Communication Scholarship**
This endowment was established in December 2007 by William T. Wigglesworth (MA 1979, Organizational Communication). Bill Wigglesworth is retired from the Exxon Mobil Corporation and ended his career as the International Human Resources Manager.
Deadline: March 1
Amount: $1000

Criteria for Eligibility:
This scholarship provides money for a student majoring in communication with a concentration in interpersonal communication, business communication, or health communication. To apply, students must have a 3.0 overall GPA and must have completed the pre-communication requirements and been admitted to one of the three eligible concentrations.

To Apply:
This scholarship will not be available again until 2024.
For questions, contact the Lamb School Undergraduate Director: Professor Josh Boyd.

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**Dr. Albert J. Weitz Scholarship**
This scholarship assists students in the Lamb School pursuing honors degrees.
Deadline: March 1
Amount: Usually $1000; this scholarship won't be offered again until 2024, however.

Criteria for Eligibility:
Scholarship for undergrad students with demonstrated financial need (according to FAFSA) who are pursuing academic majors in the Brian Lamb School of Communication and taking honors classes. Either pre-communication majors OR admitted majors are eligible, as long as they have completed 3 or more honors classes.

To Apply:
Submit a copy of your transcript (unofficial is fine) to Lamb School Undergraduate Director Professor Josh Boyd.
In your email, include answers to these questions:
1. Which honors classes have you completed?
2. In which honors classes are you currently enrolled?
3. In 100 words or less, what has been your best experience in the honors program?
Lamb School Degree in Three Summer Scholarship

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage and support communication students who are on the Degree in 3 plan. The 3-year plans generally include summer enrollment, and this scholarship helps defray some of the costs of summer studies. Multiple $2,000 scholarships are available each year, and a student who receives a scholarship after freshman year is still permitted to apply again for the summer after sophomore year.

Deadline: March 1

Amount: $2000 (multiple awards are available!)

Criteria for Eligibility:
Eligible students must:

- be coded as majors in the Brian Lamb School of Communication (including pre-communication)
- have completed a form with their advisor declaring an intent to graduate in 3 years
- maintain a GPA of at least 2.8
- schedule at least 6 hours of summer coursework for the summer covered by the scholarship (study abroad programs of at least 6 hours ARE eligible)

To Apply:
Email Professor Josh Boyd (using the link below) with the following information: name, PUID, GPA, concentration (if finished with PCOM), an unofficial copy of your transcript, and a copy/scan of your 3-year learning agreement from advising.

For questions, contact the Lamb School Undergraduate Director: Professor Josh Boyd.
College of Liberal Arts Serendipity Communication Scholarship
This scholarship supports the College of Liberal Arts’ commitment to enhancing a welcoming and inclusive learning environment and the belief that diversity of identity and experiential background is essential to educating students to serve the global, pluralistic societies of the 21st century. The scholarship is made possible by an anonymous donor, inspired by the communal generosity and individual support received by the donor and spouse.
Deadline:
Amount: $1000. Renewable.
Criteria for Eligibility:
Academically well-prepared undergraduate student enrolled in the Brian Lamb School of Communication in the Purdue University College of Liberal Arts. Preference will be given to students who enhance sexual and/or gender orientation, race, or ethnic representation among the undergraduate students in the College and/or to students participating in the University’s WBAA internship program.
To Apply:
This scholarship is administered by the College of Liberal Arts and Brian Lamb School of Communication. Please contact clascholarships@purdue.edu with questions

The Liberal Arts Alumni Board Scholarship
The Liberal Arts Alumni Board Scholarship was established in December 2001 with gifts from the members of the College of Liberal Arts Alumni Board and others. Income is used to support scholarships for juniors and seniors in the College of Liberal Arts.
Members of the College of Liberal Arts Alumni Board use their education, creativity, and dedication to serve Purdue and the College of Liberal Arts. The mission of the Board is:
To engage College of Liberal Arts alumni, students, staff, faculty, and friends with the College and the University while fostering their sense of pride for Purdue and the College of Liberal Arts.
Deadline: February 1
Amount: $1,000
Criteria for Eligibility:
The Liberal Arts Alumni Board Scholarship is available to any Purdue student who is currently a student and who will be a junior or senior during the next school year. The scholarship is based on merit and volunteer service to the community or the University. Students must have financial need, as demonstrated by the FAFSA.
To Apply:
To apply for this scholarship, please do the following:
1. Complete the application located here.
2. Send an official transcript to clascholarships@purdue.edu. Transcripts may be ordered directly from MyPurdue
3. Complete the FAFSA by the deadline.
4. Email clascholarships@purdue.edu and include your interest in applying for this scholarship.
If you have any questions, please contact CLAscholarships@purdue.edu
The Jill P. and Robert E. May Scholarship for Honors Program Transfer Students
Deadline: April 1
Amount: $1,000
Criteria for Eligibility:
Awarded each year to a CLA transfer student with a GPA of at least 3.3 who is a sophomore or junior in any major, and who is participating in the Honors Program in the College of Liberal Arts. The award is renewable, as long as the recipient continues to take at least two Honors courses per academic year and maintains good standing in the Honors Program (3 year maximum).

To Apply:
Apply through https://purdue.scholarshipuniverse.com/
Please contact clascholarships@purdue.edu with any questions.

Gerald and Kenneth Mott Scholarship Fund
This fund was established in June 2002 with gifts from Joanne Mott Batey, Lorraine M. Mott, and family in memory of Dr. Gerald O. Mott, Dr. Kenneth E. Mott, and Mr. John K. Gray. Gerald O. Mott was the father of Joanne and a former Agronomy faculty member at Purdue. Ken Mott (BS 1961, College of Science) is the brother of Joanne and son of Lorraine, and John Gray (BS 1967, College of Agriculture) was a former spouse of Joanne.
For CLA students who have studied at least one semester at Purdue.
Deadline: April 1
Amount: $1,000
Criteria for Eligibility:
A merit scholarship for Purdue CLA students who have studied at least one semester at Purdue.

To Apply:
Continuing students may apply for this scholarship by doing the following:
Apply through: https://purdue.scholarshipuniverse.com/
If you have any questions, please contact clascholarships@purdue.edu

Katie Douglas Perseverance and Inspiration Merit Scholarship
Katie Douglas played basketball for Purdue and helped lead the Boilermakers to the NCAA Women’s Division One basketball championship in 1999. She graduated with a degree in Communication in 2001 and has played professional basketball for the Orlando Miracle, the Connecticut Sun, and the Indiana Fever. This scholarship, funded by an anonymous donor, is in honor of her perseverance and inspiration on and off the basketball court.
Deadline: April 1
Amount: $1,000
Criteria for Eligibility:
This merit scholarship is for an undergraduate student with a major in the College of Liberal Arts who exemplifies the characteristics that Katie Douglas demonstrated in life and on the basketball court.

To Apply:
Continuing students may apply for this scholarship by doing the following:
Apply through https://purdue.scholarshipuniverse.com/
If you have any questions, please contact clascholarships@purdue.edu

Christina M. Ribnek Scholarship
This scholarship was established in March 2005 by Christina Ribnek’s two sons. Christina was employed by Purdue as Director of Academic Support Services in Intercollegiate Athletics and Director of Academic Advising in the College of Liberal Arts.
Deadline: April 1
Amount: $1,000
Criteria for Eligibility:
The Chris Ribnek Scholarship is available to any Purdue student who has studied at least one semester at Purdue (except those who will graduate during the current spring semester). Criteria are: have a GPA of 2.0 or higher, be in good academic standing, and be actively involved in one or more student organizations or in Intercollegiate or other organized sports.

To Apply:
Continuing students may apply for this scholarship by doing the following:
Apply through: https://purdue.scholarshipuniverse.com/
If you have any questions, please contact clascholarships@purdue.edu

Warren P. Thayer, Jr. Scholarships
Warren Thayer, Jr. founded Perry Chemical and Manufacturing in 1959 with his brother, D. Robert Thayer, and father. He retired in 1995 as president of the privately held company. Mr. Thayer began funding the Thayer Scholars in the College of Liberal Arts in 1997. The Thayer Scholars gives students the opportunity to explore current issues and become well-rounded students. He included a bequest for the Thayer Scholars program in his estate.
Deadline: By invitation
Amount: $500
Criteria for Eligibility:
The Warren P. Thayer, Jr. Scholarships are for CLA students who will be in their sophomore year.
To Apply:
If you are currently in your first year at Purdue, have a 3.0 GPA, and will be a full-time student in the College of Liberal Arts during the following academic school year, you are eligible to apply.
Contact clascholarships@purdue.edu for application details.

Dr. Aneta Van Sickle Scholarship
This endowment was established in October 2001 in memory of Dr. Aneta Van Sickle, College of Liberal alumna and former head of academic advising for the College of Liberal Arts by her husband, David C. Van Sickle, family members, and friends.
Deadline: April 1
Amount: $1,000
Criteria for Eligibility:
The Aneta Van Sickle Scholarship is available to any Purdue student who has studied at least one semester at Purdue (except those who will graduate during the current spring semester) Criteria are: merit and Dr. Van Sickle's qualities of dedication, caring, patience, style, and wisdom.
To Apply:
Continuing students may apply for this scholarship by doing the following:
Apply through: https://purdue.scholarshipuniverse.com/
If you have any questions, please contact clascholarships@purdue.edu

Tom and Marty Welch First Generation Scholars Fund
This endowment was established by Tom Welch (BA 1978, Education, Humanities, Social Sciences) and Marty Welch (BA 1978, Sociology) who were once first-generation students at Purdue. Trained as educators, the couple has a passion for education and for staying connected to students, Purdue, and the College of Liberal Arts. Tom and Marty relate to Hoosier students and the challenges they face, and it is their sincere hope to provide the same opportunities to others that they were afforded.
### Tom and Marty Welch First Generation Scholarship

**Deadline:** April 1  
**Amount:** $1,000

**Criteria for Eligibility:**
The Tom and Marty Welch First Generation Scholarship is for incoming freshmen and transfer students in the College of Liberal Arts who are first generation college students and Indiana residents. The recipients, to be known as Tom and Marty Welch First Generation Scholars, are selected on the basis of academic merit.

**To Apply:**
Continuing (and incoming transfer) students may apply for this scholarship by doing the following:
- Apply through: [https://purdue.scholarshipuniverse.com/](https://purdue.scholarshipuniverse.com/)
- If you have any questions, please contact clascholarships@purdue.edu

### Eleanor Breames Wiley Scholarship

**Deadline:** April 1  
**Amount:**

**Criteria for Eligibility:**
An incoming student (freshman) enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts. Selection will be made based on academic merit, financial need (as determined by the FAFSA), and student leadership in high school. Student must have a high school GPA of at least 3.5. The Wiley Scholarship is renewable, as long as the student continues to progress toward graduation and continue to demonstrate a commitment to leadership.

**To Apply:**
Continuing students may apply for renewals by emailing clascholarships@purdue.edu.

### Warren Wilson Memorial Scholarship

**Deadline:** February 15  
**Amount:** $1,000

**Criteria for Eligibility:**
The Warren Wilson Memorial Scholarship is available to any Purdue student enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts. Students must have financial need, as demonstrated by the FAFSA.

**To Apply:**
Continuing students may apply for this scholarship by doing the following:
1. Complete this [application with essays](https://purdue.scholarshipuniverse.com/) by February 15.
2. Send an official transcript to clascholarships@purdue.edu by February 15. Transcripts may be ordered directly from MyPurdue.
3. Complete the [FAFSA](https://www.fafsa.gov) by the deadline.
4. Email clascholarships@purdue.edu and include your interest in applying for this scholarship.
- If you have any questions, please contact clascholarships@purdue.edu

### Mihee Yi Memorial Scholarship

**Deadline:** April 1  
**Amount:** $1,000

**Criteria for Eligibility:**
The Mihee Yi Memorial Scholarship is available to any Purdue student who has established at least a one-semester GPA of at least 2.75 (except those who will graduate during the current spring semester). Preference in selection is given to students who participate in one or more student organizations,
including Campus Christian Fellowship of University Church at Purdue University, Christian Student Fellowship, and Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. A further preference will be given to students who are members of either the Korean Association or the Korean American Students Association.

**To Apply:**
Continuing students may apply for this scholarship by doing the following:
Apply through: [https://purdue.scholarshipuniverse.com/](https://purdue.scholarshipuniverse.com/)
If you have any questions, please contact clascholarships@purdue.edu

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**Charles and Rachel Pan Scholarship**
**Deadline:** April 1  
**Amount:**

**Criteria for Eligibility:**
This endowment was established in May 2013 by Maureen J. Pan in honor of her parents, Charles and Rachel Pan. Income shall support for undergraduate scholarships for students enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts, who have demonstrated academic merit.

**To Apply:**
Continuing students may apply for this scholarship by doing the following:
Apply through: [https://purdue.scholarshipuniverse.com/](https://purdue.scholarshipuniverse.com/)
If you have any questions, please contact clascholarships@purdue.edu

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**Frank Lee Wilson Scholarship in Political Science**
The Frank Lee Wilson Scholarship in Political Science was established to honor the teaching and service of Professor Frank Lee Wilson, former Professor and Department Head in Political Science.  
**Deadline:** February 15  
**Amount:** $1,000  

**Criteria for Eligibility:**
Based on merit, as determined by a faculty committee.

**To Apply:**
Contact Head of Political Science

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**The Ruth and Fred Graf Award in Peace Studies**
**Deadline:** February 15  
**Amount:** $750  

**Criteria for Eligibility:**
For a student from anywhere on campus to work with a Liberal Arts faculty member on a peace related research project. Stipend of $750.00 for the student and additional $750.00 expense for the faculty member. Applications are reviewed by a committee made up of three faculty members whose students have been past recipients of the Graf Award.
The Lola C. and Dolores G. Reinsch Scholarship
Lola Reinsch (BA 1967, Political Science) her mother, Dolores Reinsch established this scholarship in December 2005 for undergraduate students majoring in Political Science.

**Deadline:** February 15

**Amount:** Up to $1,000 / year

**Criteria for Eligibility:**
The Lola C. and Dolores G Reinsch Scholarship is for undergraduates majoring in Political Science. Criteria include: 1. Financial need, as determined by the FAFSA. 2. A GPA of at least 2.5 Renewable for up to four years.

**To Apply:**
For more information, please contact:
clascholarships@purdue.edu

https://www.purdue.edu/dfa/aid/scholarships/