

2008-2009 SCHOLARSHIPS for POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS

The Department of Political Science has scholarships available for undergraduate political science majors. The department is able to offer these scholarships thanks to the generosity of our donors who created the *Charles Backstrom Undergraduate Scholarship*, the *Asher Christensen Fund*, the *Judge Earl and Mrs. Cecill Larson Scholarship*, the *Michelle E. Roberts and Jonathan E. Smaby Scholarship*, and the *William Schaper Memorial Fund*. Students may use this one application to apply for all of these scholarships. ***Scholarship recipients are required to complete a research or special project AND register for credit for this project through the Department of Political Science during the fall semester 2008 or the spring semester 2009. Only students who have officially declared a major in political science are eligible to apply.*** The application deadline is ***February 15, 2008.***

Scholarship Descriptions:

1) Professor Charles Backstrom Undergraduate Scholarship in Political Science: This scholarship was created by Leonard Robins in honor of his former teacher and friend, Emeritus Professor Charles Backstrom. The scholarship will assist undergraduates with the cost of tuition, fees and books. Professor Backstrom taught American government courses at the University from 1959 to 1997. He started the department's Paid Congressional Internship Program which has given hundreds of undergraduates the opportunity to intern for members of the U.S. Senate and House. Recipients will be asked to write thank you letters to Mr. Robins and Professor Backstrom and provide some details about their research interests, future academic and personal goals. Recipients must be full-time students (13 credits).

2) Asher Christensen Fund: Professor Asher Christensen (1904-1961), a native of Little Falls, Minnesota, graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1924. He continued his education at the graduate level at the University of Minnesota, the University of Chicago, and the Universidad de Madrid in Spain. He taught introductory- and advanced-level American government courses and Latin American politics and governments. This scholarship fund was created by the family and friends of Professor Christensen to be awarded to students conducting political science research abroad or to students who are preparing for teaching in the field of American government. Recipients must be full-time students (13 credits).

3) Judge Earl and Mrs. Cecill Larson Scholarship: The Larson Scholarships are awarded to honors students and other outstanding students to support their research interests. Students who are preparing to write their theses and other outstanding students who wish to conduct a research or special project are encouraged to apply. The purpose of the scholarship is to permit students to devote more time to their academic pursuits and to support their research interests. Selected recipients will be asked to write a thank you letter to Mrs. Cecill Larson and provide some details about their research interests, future academic and personal goals. Recipients must be full-time students (13 credits).

4) William Schaper Memorial Fund: Professor William Schaper was an instructor at the University of Minnesota in 1900. He taught courses in American and comparative government. This scholarship fund was created by Harriet E. Schaper in 1957. The recipients are expected to complete a research or special project. The project can be of the student's own design based on his/her research interests. Other projects will also be considered such as an internship (with a government or community organization), fieldwork experience (in the legislature, or in a political or governmental organization) or a project that promotes citizenship. Recipients must be full-time students (13 credits).

5) Jonathan E. Smaby and Michelle E. Roberts Scholarship in Political Science: Jonathan graduated in 1985 from the University of Minnesota with a B.A. in political science. He and his wife, Michelle, received their law degrees from the University of Michigan and practice law in Dallas, Texas. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial support for gifted undergraduates so they may dedicate themselves to their studies and attain the best possible liberal arts education. Selected recipients will be asked to write a thank you letter to the donors and provide some details about their research interests, future academic and personal goals. ***Recipients must be enrolled for 15 credits.***

INSTRUCTIONS:

Read the scholarship descriptions and eligibility criteria listed on the reverse side.

Include the following items in your application:

- 1) Complete the attached scholarship application and expense estimate. Include any additional expenses you will incur as a result of your project. Sign the certification at the end of the application.
- 2) Provide a one-page typed statement detailing your research or special project. Try to be as specific as possible about the project you propose. You may wish to include your responses to the following questions: Why did you select this project? How will this project help you pursue your academic goals? Which political science professor will supervise your project?
- 3) Write a one-page typed statement detailing your academic, career, and personal goals.
- 4) Attach a current, complete University of Minnesota transcript. Transfer students should also include transcripts from all previous colleges. (Unofficial transcripts are acceptable).
- 5) Include any other relevant information about yourself (such as a resume, honors/awards received) that you believe will provide the selection committee with more detailed information about you and your interests.
- 6) Financial need will also be taken into consideration. We suggest all applicants complete the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by February 1, 2008 so that financial need can be considered when scholarship awards are determined.

All application materials must be received no later than February 15, 2008.

Applications must be submitted in hard copy.

E-mail applications are not acceptable. Faxes are discouraged.

Application materials should be hand delivered or mailed to:

University of Minnesota
Department of Political Science
1414 Social Sciences Building
267 19th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55455
ATTN: Rose Miskowiec, Undergraduate Adviser

Application materials submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name _____ ID# _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____ E-mail address _____

Citizenship Status (check one) U.S. Citizen _____ International Student _____

Other (please specify) _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Major(s) _____

Minor(s) _____

Are you enrolled in the Honors Program? Yes _____ No _____

Do you currently have a Bachelor's Degree (B.A., B.S.)? Yes _____ No _____

Student Status Freshman _____ (0-30 credits) Sophomore _____ (31-60 credits) Junior _____ (61- 90 credits) Senior _____ (90+ credits)

How many credits will you take each semester?

Fall Semester 2008 _____

Spring Semester 2009 _____

Expected graduation date: _____ (semester) _____ (year)

EXPENSE ESTIMATE

Itemize the expenses that you expect to incur while completing your research or special project. List each cost separately. Be realistic in projecting your expenses. ***Do not underestimate.*** List \$0 if you do not anticipate any additional costs.

<i>Example:</i>	Travel costs (transportation, lodging, food)	\$2,500
	Photocopying costs	\$ 50
	Supplies	<u>\$ 500</u>
	Total Cost	\$3,050

Type of Expense	Amount
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Total Amount of Expenses	\$ _____

CERTIFICATION

These scholarships are only available to undergraduate political science majors. Once a student has received a bachelor's degree or ceases to be a political science major, s/he is no longer eligible for these scholarships. I understand that I must register for credit for my project through the Department of Political Science in order to maintain my eligibility for these scholarships. I understand that if I fail to maintain my registration at the level I have indicated on page 3 or do not satisfactorily complete my courses, my scholarship amount may be revised or cancelled or I may be asked to repay any funds I have already received. All of the information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. My signature indicates I understand the terms and conditions associated with these scholarships and my agreement to abide by those terms and conditions.

Student's signature

Date