

Internal Programs and National and Regional Competitive Scholarships for Undergraduate Students

The scholarships listed below are some of the many competitive scholarships available to students during their undergraduate years. A number of other scholarships (such as those provided by UST benefactors) may be located through the office of Student Financial Services. **These scholarships are constantly changing the deadlines, amount of awards and eligibility requirements. It is important to check websites for the most current information.**

Delta Epsilon Sigma Scholarship

Delta Epsilon Sigma sponsors an annual scholarship competition for its members. Junior-year members may apply for Fitzgerald Scholarships at \$1,000 each, to be applied towards tuition costs for their senior year. The scholarships are named after the founder and first Secretary-Treasurer of DES, The Most Rev. Edward A. Fitzgerald of Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa. The awards will be made available on a competitive basis to students who have been initiated into the society and who have also been nominated by their chapters for the competition.

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Gates Millennium Scholars & Fellowship

The Gates Millennium Scholars initiative is aimed at increasing the number of low-income African Americans, Asian Pacific Americans (Filipino, Chinese, Korean, South Asians, Japanese, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Hmong, Thai, Pacific Islanders), American Indians/Alaska Natives, and Hispanic Americans enrolling in and completing undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, this award program will help reflect the diverse society in which we live by expanding access and opportunity to higher education.

Amount of Award: Awards are calculated by the Gates Millennium Scholars based on financial need, but can be used for tuition, fees, books, and living expenses.

Eligibility: Candidates must be permanent residents of the United States and a member of one of the ethnic groups named above; have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale; have applied to, have been accepted into or are enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university for the academic year at the time of the award (or in the case of graduate students, have applied to, accepted into, or enrolled in a graduate degree program in mathematics, science [including life sciences, physical sciences and computer science], engineering, education or library science at the time the nomination is complete); have significant financial need as defined by the Federal needs analysis formula; have demonstrated leadership ability through participation in community service, extracurricular activities or other activities.

Application Deadline: Mid-January. Awards are announced on or before May 1.

Website: www.gmsp.org

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The Gilbert and Frances Scholarship

Designed for Christian students who may be interested in pursuing a career in journalism.
Named for Gilbert K. Chesterton and Frances Farrell.

Amount of Award: A scholarship of \$2500.

Eligibility: College freshman, sophomores, and juniors.

Application Deadline: March 31. Winning essays will be printed in *Gilbert Magazine*.

Website: <http://www.chesterton.org/scholarship.html>

Application procedure:

1. On one page: Your name, address, and contact information, along with a one-paragraph description of yourself and your goals. Your name should not be on the essay itself.
2. On a separate page(s), an essay, not to exceed 900 words, that demonstrates a Chestertonian perspective on any current issue. The essay should be persuasive in nature, written for a secular audience or for readership not necessarily prone to agree with the main argument. It should read like a journalistic essay and not like a school report or an academic paper. No footnotes. But quoting Chesterton, of course, is a good idea.

Please use Times Roman 12-point text, single-spaced. Send hard copy and CD of documents to:

The American Chesterton Society
4117 Pebblebrook Circle
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Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

The Gilman Scholarship Program aims to broaden the student population that studies abroad by supporting undergraduates who might otherwise not participate due to financial constraints. The program strongly encourages students to choose non-traditional study abroad destinations, especially those outside of Western Europe and Australia.

Amount of Award: Awards of up to \$5,000 are made for up to one academic year of undergraduate study abroad. Award will vary based on student need and length of program with the average award being \$4,000. Those who apply and receive Gilman scholarship are eligible to receive an additional \$3,000 critical need language supplement. Critical need languages include: Arabic, Chinese, Turkic, Persian, Indic, Korean, and Russian.

Eligibility: Citizen of the U.S., an undergraduate student in an institution of higher education located in the U.S., receiving Pell Grant funding during the academic term of his/her application,

applying to or been accepted for a program of study abroad eligible for undergraduate credit by the student's home institution. Summer only programs not eligible.

Application Deadline: For study abroad beginning in Fall/Academic Year: Application due early April. For Spring Semester: Application due early October.

Website: www.iie.org/programs/gilman

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Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation operates an educational scholarship program designed to provide opportunities for outstanding U.S. students with excellent academic records and demonstrated interest in, and potential for, careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, and engineering. Three hundred scholarships are awarded each year.

Amount of Award: The scholarship award covers eligible expenses up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year. Junior scholarship recipients can expect to receive a maximum of two years of support. Senior scholarship recipients are eligible for a maximum of one year of support.

Eligibility: Candidates must be current full-time sophomores or juniors and must be pursuing a baccalaureate degree, have a B average or equivalent, stand in the upper fourth of the class, and be a U.S. citizen, resident alien, or U.S. national who will pursue a career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering.

Application Deadline: Nominations are forwarded to the national headquarters by February 1. The winners are determined at the national level. Awards are announced in April.

Website: www.act.org/goldwater

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Collaborative Inquiry Grants

These grants support students working with a faculty member during the academic year (normally in the spring semester) on collaborative scholarship projects outside the classroom.

Amount of Award: The stipend is \$1,000, with an additional \$500 paid to the supervising faculty member.

Eligibility: All UST students are eligible.

Application Deadline: Announced mid November.

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Hmong National Development, Inc. Scholarship

Hmong National Development, Inc. is a national non-profit organization working with Hmong communities and public and private agencies in the United States to promote economic self-sufficiency and education opportunities, economic and resource development, and cultural adaptability vital for the well being, growth, and full participation of Hmong in society.

The HND Educational Scholarship Program was created to promote higher education within the Hmong community and is the only scholarship directed towards providing financial assistance to Hmong students across the nation. HND strives to support and encourage Hmong students to achieve academic excellence, become leaders in their chosen professions, and advocates of their local communities. Since the conception of the Educational Scholarship Program in 2001, HND has awarded over 50 scholarships to graduating Hmong high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students.

Amount of Award: Unknown at this time. Internships may also be available.

Eligibility: Successful applicants must be Hmong, demonstrate financial need, complete a HND Scholarship Package; have applied to, have been accepted into or are enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university; and submit one letter of recommendation.

Application Deadline: Applications must be postmarked before December 1. Announcement of exact due date is in mid-September.

Website: www.hndinc.org

No UST contact.

UNCF•Merck Undergraduate Science Research Scholarship

The UNCF•Merck Undergraduate Science Research Scholarship Awards are intended to encourage the interest of African-American undergraduate students in furthering their science education and pursuing science careers by providing tuition support and opportunities for research experience in a state-of-the-art industrial laboratory.

Amount of Award: Each award is up to a maximum of \$35,000 for undergraduate students that consists of a scholarship award of up to \$15,000; two summer internship stipends to the award recipient totaling \$10,000; and a grant of up to \$10,000 to the department of the award recipient's major subject.

Eligibility: Applicants must be African-American planning to complete their undergraduate degree in the year of the award. Candidates must be majoring in a life or physical science with a minimum GPA of 3.3, both in cumulative and in major subjects. Candidates will be committed to work as an intern for two summers at a Merck research facility. Candidates must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

Application Deadline: Mid-December. Award recipients will be notified in early April.

Website: www.uncf.org/merck

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Microsoft Scholarships

The Microsoft Scholarship program is designed to encourage students to pursue careers in Computer Science and other related technical fields. Microsoft offers four types of technical scholarships to current undergraduate students: General Scholarship, women's Scholarship, Underrepresented Minority Scholarship, and Scholarships for Students with Disabilities.

Amount of Award: Full tuition (excluding room & board).

Eligibility: Enrolled full time and making satisfactory progress toward an undergraduate degree in computer science, or related field, maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA, apply for scholarship, and if selected, complete a 12-week-summer internship.

Application Deadline: Applications must be postmarked by February 1. Scholarship recipients will be notified by the end of March.

Website: www.microsoft.com/college/ss-overview.msp

No UST contact.

NIH Undergraduate Scholarship

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Undergraduate Scholarship is designed for students interested in a career in biomedical research. It allows the candidate to have a 10-week summer laboratory experience in an NIH research laboratory. The Scholarship provides intensive educational experiences in a focused science-mentoring program.

Amount of Award: Scholarships are provided up to \$20,000 per year, which must be used for tuition, educational expenses such as books and lab fees, and qualified living expenses while attending college. Initially the scholarship is awarded for one year, but may be renewable for up to four years.

Eligibility: The candidate must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or U.S. national. The candidate must have a GPA of 3.5 or be within the top 5% of his/her class. The candidate must be from a disadvantaged background (defined as either coming from a low-income family and certified as having "exceptional financial need" [EFN] or coming from an environment that inhibited [but did not prevent] the candidate from obtaining the knowledge, skills, and ability required to enroll in an undergraduate institution). After each year of scholarship, recipient will train for 10 weeks as a paid summer research employee in an NIH research laboratory. After graduation, scholarship recipients are required to serve as full-time employees in an NIH research laboratory (12 months for each year of scholarship). Students may defer service obligations for appropriate graduate or medical studies.

Application Deadline: February 28. Awards are announced in July-August.

Website: <http://ugsp.nih.gov/>

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National Security Education Program David L. Boren

The program has objectives to equip Americans with an understanding of less commonly taught languages and cultures and enable the nation to remain integrally involved in global issues related to U.S. national security; to build a critical base of future leaders both in government service and in higher education, who have cultivated international relationships and worked and studied alongside experts of other countries; to develop a cadre of professionals with more than the traditional knowledge of language and culture who can use this ability to help the U.S. make sound decisions on and deal effectively with global issues related to U.S. national security; and to enhance institutional capacity and increase the number of faculty who can educate U.S. citizens toward achieving these goals.

Amount of Award: \$10,000 for a semester, \$20,000 for a full academic year.

Eligibility: Scholarships are available to U.S. undergraduate students for study abroad in world areas critical to U.S. National Security. These areas do not include Western Europe, Canada, Australia or New Zealand.

For juniors and seniors, scholarships are awarded for an academic term or year to increase their knowledge of and competencies in other languages and cultures. For freshmen and sophomores, awards are available usually for intensive summer or academic term study abroad programs to foster their interest in international affairs.

Fellowships are available to U.S. students enrolled in or admitted to graduate degree programs in U.S. higher education institutions to develop expertise in the languages and cultures of less commonly studied countries.

Recipients of NSEP scholarships and fellowships incur an obligation to work for one year for an office or agency of the Federal Government involved in national security affairs (broadly defined).

Application Deadline: Applications are due to the International Education Center by January 15. Awards are announced in late May.

Website: www.nsep.gov/borenscholars and http://borenawards.org/boren_scholarship

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The Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation

The Phillips Scholarship Program recognizes and rewards private college students who strive to make life better for people with unmet needs in Minnesota communities. Phillips Scholars identify community concerns, explore ways to create social change, and develop ambitious programs to meet a variety of human and social needs.

Amount of Award: A \$5,500 Junior Year Scholarship, \$4,000 summer 2010 Stipend, \$5,750 Senior Year Scholarship, and \$400 Project Resource Funding totaling a \$15,650 award.

Eligibility: Students from 16 eligible private colleges and universities are invited to apply. Each campus will select a finalist, who will go on to compete for one of six Phillips Scholars Awards.

Decisions are based on the following criteria:

- GPA of 2.75 or better,
- enrolled as a sophomore in the 2009-2010 academic year,
- demonstrated financial need,
- aspire to serve disadvantaged people,
- active participation in campus activities and an interest in community service and volunteering, and
- committed to designing and implementing a Minnesota-focused service project in the 2011 Summer (8 weeks at 40 hours per week).

Application Deadline: Applications are due by March and scholars are notified of selection in late spring.

Website: <http://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/scholarships/phillips/index.php>

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Rotary Club Ambassadorial Scholarships

Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships are awarded for one academic year of study abroad. Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships are awarded for two or three years of specific degree-oriented study abroad. Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships are awarded for three or six months of intensive language study and cultural immersion in another country.

Amount of Award: The funding of an Academic-Year Scholarship is \$25,000 (US), or the equivalent. Funding is intended for round-trip transportation between the recipient's home and study city, one month of intensive language training (if assigned by the Foundation), required academic fees for a normal course load, some educational supplies, reasonable living costs, and limited contingency expenses.

The Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship is a flat grant of \$12,500 (US) or its local equivalent for each year. Funding is intended to help meet the costs of pursuing a degree.

The financial limits for Cultural Scholarships are around \$12,000 (US) or its equivalent for a three-month scholarship and \$17,000 (US) for a six-month scholarship. Funding is intended to meet round-trip transportation, tuition and fees and reasonable living expenses for the study period. Scholars will stay with local families in host countries when possible and appropriate.

Eligibility: Applicants pursuing university studies must have completed at least two years of university coursework when the scholarship begins. Applicants pursuing practical training or vocational study must have a secondary school education and have been employed in a recognized vocation for at least two years when the scholarship begins. All applicants must be citizens of a country in which there is a Rotary club. Rotaractors are eligible and encouraged to apply.

The following are ineligible for any Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship: A Rotarian or Honorary Rotarian; an employee of a club, district or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International; a spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood and any legally adopted

child) or an ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of any living person in the foregoing categories; a spouse of a lineal descendant.

Application Deadline: Application deadlines are set by individual Rotary clubs. Club deadlines may be as early as March or as late as mid-August. All district-endorsed applications must be received by The Rotary Foundation no later than October 1. Awards are announced in mid-December.

Website:

www.rotary.org/en/studentsandyouth/educationalprograms/ambassadorialscholarships/pages/ridefault.aspx

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Tylenol Scholarships & Fellowships

Scholarships are for higher education to students who demonstrate leadership in community activities and school activities and major in areas that will lead to careers in health-related fields.

Amount of Award: Ten \$10,000 scholarships and 30 \$5,000 scholarships.

Eligibility: Candidates must be attending an undergraduate or graduate course of study in the fall. This includes those students currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate course of study and has one or more years of school remaining.

Application Deadline: May 15, 2009 (mid-May), winners selected mid-July and funds delivered by August.

Website: www.tylenolscholarship.com

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URCS Collaborative Inquiry Grants

The Undergraduate Research & Collaborative Scholarship program provides funding to support students who wish to work with a faculty member during the academic year (normally in the spring semester) on collaborative scholarship projects outside of the classroom.

Amount of Award: Students receive a stipend of \$1,000, with an additional \$500 paid to the supervising faculty member.

Eligibility: All UST undergraduate students are eligible to apply.

Application Deadline: Announced in fall semester.

UST Contact: Dr. David F. Steele, email: dfsteele@stthomas.edu or consult the URCS webpage at: <http://www.stthomas.edu/urcs>.

URCS Summer Housing Grants

The Undergraduate Research & Collaborative Scholarship program provides free basic on-campus housing to support undergraduate students who wish to pursue a research project in collaboration with a faculty mentor over an extended period in the summer.

Amount of Award: Free dorm room on campus for up to 10 weeks during the summer. Summer Housing Grants do not cover meals.

Eligibility: All UST undergraduate students, with the exception of graduating seniors, are eligible to apply.

Application Deadline: Announced in early spring semester.

UST Contact: Dr David F. Steele, email: dfsteele@stthomas.edu or consult the URCS webpage at: <http://www.stthomas.edu/urcs/>.

The Morris K. Udall Scholarship

This scholarship was authorized by the U.S. Congress to honor Congressman Morris King Udall and his legacy of public service. His legacy has impacted the nation's environment, public lands, and natural resources. He also championed the rights of Native Americans and Alaska Natives and used his leadership in Congress to strengthen tribal self-governance.

Amount of Award: Each scholarship covers expenses for tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of \$5,000. Scholarship recipients are eligible for one year of scholarship support. Scholars selected during their sophomore year may be renominated during their junior year.

Eligibility: Must be sophomores or juniors, U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or resident aliens, must intend to pursue a career in environmental public policy or be a Native American or Alaska Native student interested in a career related to health care and tribal public policy.

Application Deadline: Nominations due by early March, notified of final status in April.

Website: www.udall.gov/ourprograms.mkuscholarships.aspx

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URCS Travel Grants

The Undergraduate Research & Collaborative Scholarship program administers funds to help support travel by student presenters to scholarly conferences. To be eligible, the student must be the presenter.

Amount of Award: The amount of the award will depend upon need and funds available, but will not exceed \$700. Funds may be used for transportation, lodging, or conference registration.

Eligibility: Any UST student who has completed a research project which he or she would like to present at a scholarly conference. A letter of support from a faculty mentor is required.

Application Deadline: Considered on an ongoing basis.

UST Contact: Dr. David F. Steele, email: dfsteele@stthomas.edu or consult the URCS webpage at: <http://www.stthoams.edu/urcs/>.

UST Young Scholars Summer Research Awards

The Young Scholars Awards allow selected students to work full-time on projects with faculty mentors for a period of at least 10 weeks during the summer.

Amount of Award: The stipend is \$4,000, with an additional \$500 paid to the supervising faculty member.

Eligibility: All UST students, with the exception of graduating seniors, are eligible.

Application Deadline: Announced in early spring semester.

UST Contact: See URCS web pages; Dr. David F. Steele, email: dfsteele@stthomas.edu.

Women's Transportation Seminar Scholarship & Fellowship

The Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) is a national organization of transportation professionals with more than 3,000 members. The WTS is committed to excellence in the transportation industry and provides support to students seeking future careers in transportation.

Amount of Award: One \$2,000 scholarship and one \$500 scholarship offered by the Minnesota chapter of the WTS.

Eligibility: Female students, either undergraduate or graduate, currently enrolled in a degree program in a transportation-related field, (such as transportation engineering, planning, finance or logistics), with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and who plan to pursue a career in transportation or a transportation-related field, are eligible.

Application Deadline: Applications must be postmarked by mid-November. Awards are announced in mid-January.

Website: www.wtsinternational.org/chapters.aspx?ID=6964

No UST contact.