

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



DEPARTMENT OF
History

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Some funds will only be available in the FALL; please (check) if you need funds for Summer 2021 research. { }

1. Names (last, first, middle) _____

2. College resident address _____ Phone _____

Your Student ID number _____

3. Graduate Students: Who is your committee chair? _____

4. Cumulative grade point average _____ Number of hours completed _____

5. Grade point average for history courses only _____

6. **Date of prospective graduation** _____ **Degree** _____

7. Do you know which scholarship(s) you are applying for? _____

(Please submit a separate application for each scholarship)

For undergraduates only: Consider me for all rewards or which I'm eligible.

8. Name of OSU faculty member who is familiar with your work _____

9. Scholarships, loans, or teaching assistantships received during the last three years:
10. Were you born in Oklahoma?
If not, how old were you when you moved here?
11. In a few sentences, discuss your career goals and the profession in which you are interested.
12. If applying for the following awards, please provide the necessary information.
- a. For the Gabriel, Dobson and Arrington awards, financial need is a criterion: explain briefly.
 - b. For the Berlin B. Chapman Scholarship, discuss work you have done in the area of Oklahoma History.
 - c. For the O.A. Hilton Scholarship, you must indicate that you were born in Oklahoma and lived in the state most of your life. Discuss work you have done in one or more of the following areas:
 - 1) American Economic History,
 - 2) Oklahoma History
 - 3) Native American History (as it pertains to Oklahoma),
 - 4) Western Frontier in American History,
 - 5) Latin-American History,
 - 6) History of the US Southwest.
 - d. For the DeWitt Minority scholarship, indicate which ethnic minority is applicable to you.
 - e. For some of the Townsend awards, a possible career in teaching American History is preferred. How does this apply to you?
13. **Attach to this application an up-to-date unofficial transcript of your courses and grades and a resume reflecting your academic achievements and extracurricular activities. When required, applicants must also include a brief letter of support from a member of the History Department.**
14. Return this completed application form to the Chair, Scholarship Committee, OSU History Department, 101 SS&H, Stillwater, OK 74078-3054. Email: susan.oliver@okstate.edu

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
History Department Scholarships and Awards

Spring 2021

Please Note: Due to regulations surrounding federally-sponsored student loans and grants, these awards will be deposited directly into the recipient's Bursar account and reported to Financial Aid. Thus, an award could impact the recipient's financial aid package for the upcoming semesters. If you have any questions or concerns about this situation, contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, 119 Student Union (744-6604)

For each award, all applicants must submit: 1) a completed OSU History Department Scholarship Application; 2) an up-to-date unofficial transcript of courses and grades; and 3) a resume reflecting academic achievements and extracurricular activities. A few of the awards will ask for additional materials, such as a letter from a history department faculty member who knows your work.

Several of the awards, as noted below, also require a brief letter of recommendation from a History Department faculty member. Procuring this letter need not be seen as an intimidating or onerous task. Simply ask an instructor who is familiar with your work to forward a paper copy of a letter on your behalf to the Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Faculty members are happy to assist their students in this fashion, but please give them at least a week's notice.

- 1. The Homer L. Knight Outstanding Senior Award** (one award at \$700 funding available **SPRING** only). Applicants must be History majors and have completed at least 93 hours with an overall GPA of 3.5 or above. *This scholarship also requires a letter of recommendation from a History Department faculty member.*
- 2. Outstanding Sophomore History Major** (one award at \$950 --funding available **FALL** only). Applicants **must have been born in Oklahoma** and have completed at least 27 hours with a 3.5 GPA or better overall and a 3.75 or better in History courses. They should plan to teach American History in some fashion during their professional careers. This may include at the post-secondary level. If qualified applicants are not found, faculty may nominate a student.
- 3. Outstanding Junior History Major** (one award at up to \$1000--funding available **FALL** only). Applicants **must have been born in Oklahoma** and have completed at least 59 hours with a 3.5 GPA or better overall and at least a 3.75 in History courses.
- 4. Berlin B. Chapman Endowed Scholarship** (up to five undergraduate/graduate awards of up to \$1050—funding available **FALL** only). Awards will be given to full-time undergraduate or graduate students working toward a degree in History at OSU. Preference will be given to applicants whose main focus of study is Oklahoma History.
- 5. The History Department Undergraduate Research Paper Awards** (two awards at \$800--funding available **SPRING** only) funded by the History Scholarship Fund. The award will recognize the best papers in any area of History written for a history course taken at OSU by a history major during the Spring, Summer, or Fall Semester of 2019. The papers submitted for the competition will be judged according to the following criteria: 1) **Originality**. Each paper should develop a clear thesis and should not be simply descriptive. 2) **Research**. Each paper should utilize both primary and secondary sources and should include documentation and a bibliography. 3) **Writing and Style**. Each paper should be well-written, thoroughly proofread, and conform stylistically to the *Chicago Manual of Style*. *Applicants must submit three (3) copies of their paper.*
- 6. The Townsend Memorial Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Paper** (one award at \$725—funding available **SPRING** only). The paper submitted must deal with any aspect of American History prior to 1914, utilize both primary and secondary sources, and follow the *Chicago Manual of Style*. It must have been written by a history major for a history course taken at OSU during the Spring, Summer, or Fall Semester of 2019. Applicants must intend to teach American History in some fashion during their professional careers. This may include at the post-secondary level. *Applicants must submit three (3) copies of their paper.*

7. **The Townsend/ Minnie DeWitt Minority Scholarship** (one award at \$1000 for an undergraduate major or graduate student in history--funding available **FALL** only). It is the purpose of this scholarship to recognize achievement by minority students in the study of History at Oklahoma State University. Applicants who plan to teach American History in some fashion during their professional careers are preferred. This may include at the post-secondary level.
8. **The Gabriel Endowed Scholarship** (one award of \$490--funding available **FALL** only). Applicants must be History majors and show evidence of financial need, exhibit strong leadership ability and good character, and demonstrate high academic achievement.
9. **The John and Cindy Dobson Endowed Scholarship** (one award of \$685--funding available **FALL** only). Applicants must be History majors, show evidence of financial need, and demonstrate high academic achievement. *This scholarship also requires a letter of recommendation from a History Department faculty member.*
10. **Thomas M. Steele Research Scholarship/History Scholars Program** (three awards of \$1260—funding available **SPRING 2021**). Customize your own research seminar. Undergraduate majors are welcome to apply for the History Scholars Program, a one semester research seminar in which students will work closely with several other history majors on a common topic or theme under the supervision of one or more faculty members. In addition to the stipend, which is drawn from the Steele Scholarship Funds, each student will earn three credit hours that may be applied to the History degree in place of the required Senior Seminar. *Applicants must have completed at least 60 credit hours with a 3.5 GPA or better in their History major, and they must procure a letter of recommendation from a member of the History Department who is familiar with their work.*
11. **Arrington Family Scholarships** (one award at \$500—available in the fall.) Undergraduate history majors who combine academic strength with demonstrable financial need should apply. GPAs of less than 3.5 will be considered.
12. **The Ted L. Agnew Memorial Scholarship** (two awards at \$1075, available in the FALL). Undergraduate history majors, especially those who will be juniors and seniors in the fall, who have shown their excellence in recent achievements will be preferred.
13. **History Department Advanced Degree Fellowship** (normally one award at \$4000; at times two awards of up to \$1900 -- funding available **FALL** only). Applicants **must have been born in Oklahoma** and be senior undergraduate history majors at Oklahoma State University who have applied for admission to the OSU History graduate program. *The award is contingent upon admission to and enrollment in the OSU History Department Master's Degree program.*

****Some award funds will be available only in the Fall; some only in the Spring; and some are available for BOTH****

The OSU History Department Scholarship Application is also available in the History Department Office.

Deadline for applications is 12:30 PM on January 20, 2021.

Please address them to: Scholarship Committee, OSU History Department, 101 SS&H, Stillwater, OK 74078-3054. Email: susan.oliver@okstate.edu

The winners should plan to attend the Phi Alpha Theta Spring 2021 awards ceremony.