

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

PURPOSE Numerous scholarships are available that recognize and reward outstanding achievements by English majors, including English, Creative Writing, and Teaching of English. Several of our scholarships are specifically for future teachers of English. Scholarship awards vary in value; most of them range from \$300 to \$3000, with a few scholarships giving nearly full tuition for a semester or year. Scholarships are generally applied to a student's tuition and fees.

ELIGIBILITY Applicants for these scholarships must meet the following requirements:

- You must be an English department major and enrolled as a full-time student for at least one semester of the coming academic year. For example, in Spring 2017, scholarships will be given only to students enrolled full-time for at least one semester in 2017-8;
- At the time of application, you must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5/4.0 overall, and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75/4.00 in English courses at Illinois;
- By the end of spring semester, you must have **completed** at Illinois at least four English, Rhetoric or Creative Writing courses beyond Comp I;
- Throughout the application process, you must remain in good standing with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

APPLYING Students interested in applying for these scholarships should complete the attached application and return it in hard copy to Nancy Rahn, Department of English, 200 English Building; 608 South Wright Street; Urbana, IL 61801. (Those studying abroad may submit electronically: nrahn@illinois.edu.) Questions about the application process may be directed to the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Professor Andrea Stevens (arstev@illinois.edu).

JUDGING The English Undergraduate Scholarship Committee will review the applications and determine the finalists for each scholarship. Finalists will be notified in late March and asked to submit a writing sample of 8-10 pages, along with the names of two English faculty members who can supply letters of reference.

Final decisions will be made by the committee and applicants will be notified no later than June 30th. Spring semester grades will enter into these decisions.

This page of instructions need not be included with your application; you only need to submit the next two pages.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

Name: _____ UIN #: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL

Permanent address: _____
STREET CITY, STATE ZIP CODE

Campus address: _____
STREET CITY, STATE ZIP CODE

Permanent phone: _____ Campus phone: _____

Email address: _____

Academic major: Teaching of English
(CHECK ONLY ONE) Creative Writing
 English
 English & Creative Writing

Overall Cumulative GPA as of 3/1/17: _____/4.00
Cumulative English GPA as of 3/1/17: _____/4.00

Total # of English courses at Illinois: _____
(including courses enrolled for Spring semester 2017)

Anticipated graduation date: _____

This page should be accompanied by three supporting documents in hard copy:

1. Page 3 of this application form (the following page). Read the listed criteria carefully; place a check mark next to each award for which you meet the criteria and wish to apply.
2. An unofficial transcript. Go to UI Integrate, Student and Faculty Self Service Login; Registration and Records; View Academic History; select transcript level and type and then click submit. Print and attach the transcript. Please note that final decisions also take into account grades from the spring semester.
3. Write an essay describing your specific intellectual interests and development. *Limit this part of the application to two pages, double-spaced, in 12-pt type with 1" or greater margins.* All English majors like to read; focus on texts and questions that illuminate your recent, individual, life as a reader and writer. Give examples of interests you've developed in your coursework, in English and beyond, and other activities. If you wish, explain how these interests point to a possible future career or graduate study.
 - a) If you are applying for awards that require special criteria (for instance, the Conrad, Hook, and Oberg scholarships), include a paragraph at the end of the essay briefly explaining why you are an appropriate candidate. If you are applying for the J.N. Hook Scholarship, briefly explain your financial need.
 - b) If you have transfer credits from other institutions, submit the names of those institutions and the courses transferred from there.

By signing my name below, I certify that all the information provided by me in this application is true and accurately reflects work that I have completed. The Department of English has my permission to verify any information I have stated herein. I understand that misrepresentation of any information contained in this application will disqualify me from consideration for the scholarships administered by the Department of English.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Deadline: Monday, March 13, 2017

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

AWARDS

These scholarships are available to undergraduates in the Department of English. In addition to the basic eligibility requirements outlined on the previous page, each scholarship also has specific criteria, as indicated below. The phrase “English majors” also includes Creative Writing and Teaching of English majors. Read carefully and **check all for which you wish to be considered.**

- ___ *Delmar G. Cooke Scholarship*: English majors, any class standing
- ___ *Emily J. Friedrich Memorial Scholarship*: English majors, any class standing
- ___ *Carolyn Joyce Pape Award*: English majors, junior or senior standing
- ___ *Paul J. Cooke English Award*: Undergraduate English major, any class standing, awarded on the basis of academic merit
- ___ *Robert D. Novak Scholarship*: English majors, any class standing, with demonstrated superior writing skills
- ___ *Miles W. O’Loughlin III Scholarship*: English majors, demonstrated academic merit
- ___ *Raymond Seng Scholarship*: English majors, Illinois resident, Freshman, sophomore or junior standing, top 25% of high school class, good personal reputation, renewable (funding applied toward tuition and fees)
- ___ *Alfred & Norma Snap Scholarship*: Teaching of English majors, junior or senior standing, planning to teach at high school level
- ___ *E. Veda Streitmatter & Arlys Streitmatter Conrad Scholarship*: English majors, junior standing, with demonstrated promise or success in study of English language and grammar, preference to those enrolled in Teaching of English, preference to residents of downstate Illinois
- ___ *Ethel Frances Crate Scholarship*: Teaching of English majors who have completed, or are about to complete, the sophomore year; high scholastic standing
- ___ *J. N. Hook Scholarship*: junior or senior standing, preparing to teach English in junior or senior high school, with consideration of financial need (as presented by the student’s scholarship application essay)
- ___ *Leo B. Kneer Scholarship*: English majors with demonstrated potential as an English teacher
- ___ *Tessa M. Oberg Scholarship*: English major, any standing, who has been employed part-time while enrolled full-time, and whose scholarship essay demonstrates a focused extracurricular commitment. Referees also will be asked to discuss these commitments in their letters.