



Competitive Scholarships Open to Selected U.S. Colleges & Universities

Table of Contents

- The Beinecke Fellowship Program**
- The Luce Foundation Scholars Program**
- The Merage Fellowship for the American Dream**
- The Thomas J. Watson Fellowship Program**
- The Winston Churchill Scholarship Program**

The Beinecke Scholarship Program - www.beineckescholarship.org

Description: The Beinecke Scholarship Program was established in 1971 by the Board of Directors of The Sperry and Hutchinson Company to honor Edwin, Frederick, and Walter Beinecke. The Board created an endowment to provide substantial scholarships for the graduate education of young men and women of exceptional promise. The program seeks to encourage and enable highly motivated students to pursue opportunities available to them and to be courageous in the selection of a graduated course of study.

Since 1975 the program has selected more than 370 college juniors from 97 different schools for support during graduate study at any accredited university. Scholars are encouraged to begin graduated study as soon as possible following graduation from college, and must utilize all of the funding within five years of completion of undergraduate studies. Historically, the Beinecke selection committee favored students planning to attend graduate school in the traditional liberal arts disciplines, but also made awards to students planning to attend graduate school in mathematics and the natural sciences. In 1998, the board of The Sperry Fund decided to limit eligibility for the award to students planning to attend graduate school in the arts, humanities and social sciences.

Dollar Value: Each scholar receives \$4,000 immediately prior to entering graduate school and an additional \$30,000 while attending graduate school. There are no geographic restrictions on the use of the scholarship, and recipients are allowed to supplement the award with other scholarships, assistantships and research grants.

Number of Scholarships: 20 scholarships are awarded each year.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Be a junior in the 2009-2010 school year. For the purposes of this scholarship, "junior" is defined as a fulltime student who expects to graduate between December 2010 and August 2011.
- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- ✓ Demonstrate superior standards of intellectual ability, scholastic achievement, and personal promise during your undergraduate career. A University of Washington transcript is necessary; if you are a new transfer student to the UW, you are not eligible for this award.
- ✓ Have a documented history of receiving need based financial aid during his/her undergraduate years. Primary evidence of meeting this criterion is a student's history of receiving need-based institutional, state or federal grants-in-aid.
- ✓ Plan to attend graduate school in the arts, humanities, or social sciences.

Application Procedures: Students must be nominated by their institution to compete for the Beinecke Scholarship. Candidates may not apply directly to the program. The campus nominee is selected based on intellectual ability, sense of purpose, personal promise, and demonstrated financial need.

Deadline: The national deadline is late February.

Contact:

Thomas L. Parkinson, Ph.D.
Box 125, Fogelsville, Pennsylvania 18051-0125
Phone: (610) 395-5560 Fax: (610) 625-7919
BeineckeScholarship@earthlink.net

The Luce Scholars Program – <http://www.hluce.org/lprogram.aspx>

Description: The Luce Scholars Program provides stipends and internships for eighteen young Americans to live and work in Asia each year. Dating from 1974, the program's purpose is to increase awareness of Asia among future leaders in American society. While the Foundation recognizes the importance to this country of a well-trained and experienced body of Asian specialists, this program is directed instead at young men and women from a wide range of fields who might not otherwise have the opportunity to come to know Asia. "Experts" alone cannot achieve a new level of understanding between Asia and America. What we need is an expanding body of citizens who, without being specialists, are familiar with and responsive to Asian cultures and societies.

Dollar Value: Varies

Number of Scholarship: Eighteen Scholars are selected.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Candidate must be an American citizen who has earned at least a bachelor's degree before taking part in the program.
- ✓ Candidates may be no more than 29 years old at the time they enter the program
- ✓ Candidates cannot have had significant exposure to Asian culture or Asian studies.

Application Procedures: The Luce Scholar candidates are nominated by over seventy colleges and universities. Applications are submitted by eligible institutions in early November. The Luce Foundation *cannot* accept applications submitted directly to the foundation. After interviews with the foundation's staff, finalists meet with one of three selection panels who choose the eighteen Luce Scholars. Placements and support services for the Luce Scholars are provided by the Asia Foundation, an organization with field offices throughout Asia. The program begins in August and concludes the following July.

Deadline: Early November

Contact:

The Henry Luce Foundation, Inc.
111 West 50th Street, #4601
New York, New York 10020
Telephone: 212-489-7700
Facsimile: 212-581-9541
E-mail: hfl1@hluce.org

The Merage American Dreams Fellows Program - <http://www.meragefoundations.com>

Description: The Merage American Dreams Fellows Program is dedicated to promoting expanded opportunities for immigrants to achieve their American Dream. The Foundation was established by Paul and Lilly Merage, both immigrants to the United States. Having lived the American Dream, they fervently believed in the ideals that have made the United States a unique land of opportunity for immigrants. In establishing the Foundation, they hope to help preserve and promote these ideals and to inspire new Americans to greater achievement. Each year, the Foundation will choose a number of promising immigrant students in their graduating year of college to participate in the Merage Foundation Fellows Program. The selected Fellows will be immigrant students who reflect both a strong desire and a real capacity to achieve leadership roles in business, science, education, public service, culture, and the arts. Each Fellow will be asked to make a commitment to become mentors of future Fellows subsequent to their initial two-year program.

Dollar Value: Merage Fellows receive two-year stipends of \$20,000 (\$10,000 each year) to help them pursue their American Dream. Fellows may spend the funds on the following kinds of activities: graduate education; strategic travel related to professional development; participation in specific skill building training programs; use of consultants to develop and carry out business or professional plans; personal or family support associated with internships, etc.

Number of Scholarships: Fifteen Fellowships are awarded.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Students applying for the Fellows Program must be immigrants to the United States.
- ✓ They must either have become a citizen since coming to the U.S. or hold a Permanent Resident Card.
- ✓ University nominees who will graduate between the December of their year of application and August of the following year
- ✓ Nominees must illustrate: 1) a solid academic record indicated by a minimum of a 3.5 GPA; 2) a clear track record of leadership; 3) a commitment to hard work and excellence; 4) creativity and initiative; and 5) consistent ethical behavior.
- ✓ Must reflect a clear set of objectives and strategies concerning achieving leadership positions in one of the following areas of concern; business, culture and the arts, science, education, or public service. (Muge's Note: Last 2 requirements are not currently listed on their website)

Application Procedures: Nomination for the Fellows Program will be made by partner universities in gateway areas – areas with high numbers of immigrants. The University will make their nominations and submit them to the Foundation by the mid-December deadline. Interviews of nominated students will occur during late February and the month of March. Interviews may occur in person at a location convenient to the student and the interviewer or they may take place over the telephone. The Foundation will make its selection concerning Fellows by April 2008. (Muge's Note: I can't find the updated information for this)

Deadline: Internal deadlines of partner universities vary.

Contact:

Erik Lee, Program Officer
Merage Foundation for the American Dream
4350 Von Karman Avenue,
Suite 400 Newport Beach, CA 92660

Telephone: 949-474-5880
elee@meragefoundations.com

Thomas J. Watson Fellowship – <http://www.watsonfellowship.org/site/index.html>

Description: THE THOMAS J. WATSON FOUNDATION was created in 1961 as a charitable trust by Mrs. Thomas J. Watson, Sr., in honor of her late husband, the founder of International Business Machines Corp., widely known as IBM. The Watson Fellowship is a one-year grant for independent study and travel outside the United States. One year is taken to be twelve months, not an academic year, and during their grant tenure fellows may not return to their home country. Watson Fellows must be self-sufficient. They create, execute and evaluate their own program. For this reason, Watson Fellows do not affiliate themselves with an academic institution or conduct volunteer work for an organization as their primary activity.

Dollar Value: The stipend for the fellowship year is \$25,000 (\$35,000 for fellows accompanied by a spouse or dependent child).

Number of Scholarships: Between 45 – 50 Fellowships awarded.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Applicants must be eligible to graduate with a bachelor's degree from a participating institution by the end of application/academic year.
- ✓ Applicants must be nominated by a participating institution.

Application Procedures: You can apply for a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship if you are a graduating senior at one of our participating institutions. You should contact your college liaison to find out about your school's application procedures and deadlines. Nominated applicants must offer:

- ✓ A proposal for a project that is creative, feasible and personally significant,
- ✓ A personal statement,
- ✓ A fellowship application form,
- ✓ A personal photo,
- ✓ A copy of your transcript, and
- ✓ Letters of recommendation.

You will submit these materials electronically by the application deadline. An interview with a representative of the Fellowship Program will follow.

Deadline: Early November

Contact:

Thomas J. Watson Fellowship Program
810 7th Avenue, 31st Floor
New York, NY 10019
Telephone: 212.245.8859 FAX: 212.245.8860
tjw@watsonfellowship.org

The Winston Churchill Foundation Scholarships -

<http://www.winstonchurchillfoundation.org/>

Description: Established in 1959, the Winston Churchill Foundation is the only organization in the United States that bears his name and that was authorized by Sir Winston. The Foundation's Scholarship Program offers American students of exceptional ability and outstanding achievement the opportunity to pursue graduate studies in engineering, mathematics, or the sciences at Churchill College, the University of Cambridge. One of the newer colleges at the University of Cambridge, Churchill College was built in tribute to Winston Churchill, who in the years after the Second World War presciently recognized the growing importance of science and technology for prosperity and security. Churchill College focuses on the sciences, engineering, and mathematics.

Dollar Value: The Churchill Scholarship is worth between \$44,000 and \$50,000. It covers all University and College tuition and fees (currently about \$25,000). In addition, students receive a living allowance of £10,000 if enrolled in a nine-month academic program and £12,000 if enrolled in a full-year academic program. They also receive an allowance of up to \$1,000 for travel to and from the United Kingdom. The Foundation also offers the possibility of a Special Research Grant of up to \$2,000; this grant may cover travel for presentations at international conferences, short stays at another university or institute for special research, and other activities.

Number of Scholarships: At least 12 Churchill Scholarships, tenable for 9 or 12 months, depending on the academic program, are offered annually.

Eligibility: Applicants for a Churchill Scholarship must:

- ✓ Be citizens of the United States
- ✓ Be a senior who is enrolled in one of the institutions participating in the Scholarship Program competition or a student who has recently graduated from one of those institutions.
- ✓ Be between the ages of 19 and 26, hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, and may not have attained a doctorate.

In addition, applicants in the sciences and engineering will show extensive laboratory experience, internships, or other related work, while applicants in mathematics will show substantial independent work or other projects. Scores on the Graduate Record Examinations although the GRE Subject Test is no longer required.

Application Procedures: Applicants for the Churchill Scholarship must apply separately for admission to the University of Cambridge no later than mid-October. The Churchill Scholarship application is available online. After completing the Churchill Application Form online, nominated applicants will print, sign, and submit it to the campus Representative for review and mailing to the Churchill Foundation.

Deadline: The national deadline is November.

Contact Information:

Peter C Patrikis, Executive Director

600 Madison Avenue, 16th floor.

New York, NY 10022-1615

Phone: (212) 752-3200

Fax (212) 246-8330

Email: info@winstonchurchillfoundation.org