



Department of History

Attention History Majors:

The History Department issues several scholarships and awards each spring. The History faculty and I invite you to submit an application so you can be considered for one of the awards. The deadline for submitting an application is April 9. You will find below a list of the information required.

If you choose to submit an application, please include all of the necessary information in a single Word document and send it to me as an email attachment (rakestrawd@winthrop.edu) and copy Ms. Katie Hartnett (hartnett@winthrop.edu).

The History Department works closely with the University Advancement Office in the scholarship award process. When we are notified by that office to begin the selection process, we will consider each application against the criteria established for each of the available scholarships and other awards. Recipients will be announced at a History Department awards ceremony later in the spring semester. This will likely be part of the Phi Alpha Theta induction event.

Remember, these are competitive awards, so make sure you submit a complete and well-developed application. Good news is that the department has several awards AND there are significant funds attached to some of them.

Please submit the following information as your official application for a History Department scholarship award:

1. Name
2. Winthrop ID
3. Major(s)
4. Current class standing (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, graduate student)
5. Current GPA
6. Are you a first-generation college student (Yes/No)
7. Are you a SC resident? If so, what SC county are you from?
8. Write a paragraph or two in which you describe how this financial support would help you advance your studies, career, etc.

You may consult the department website if you wish to target particular scholarships. Keep in mind, however, that not all posted scholarships are funded in each cycle. Also keep in mind that the department issues two research paper awards each spring, one for the best paper in US history and one for the best paper in European history. Each of these awards provides a cash prize.

Finally, good luck with your applications, your semester, and please drop by my office and check in as you navigate your spring term. I look forward to seeing you all on The Hall or in the undergraduate reading room.

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