English Department Scholarships

Scholarship Name	Requirements
Barbara & John Blackburn Scholarship	English major (preference for English Education); 2.75 GPA; at least junior standing; community service and/or student activities considered, as is financial need
Dr. Paul Blackford British Literature Scholarship	English major; 3.0 GPA; full-time student; recommendation of British Literature faculty member
Dr. John Castle Memorial Scholarship	Incoming Freshman English major; 3.0 high school GPA; ACT 26 composite/27 English; full-time student
Dr. Olive Fite American Literature Scholarship	English major; 3.0 GPA; full-time student; recommendation of American Literature faculty member
Dr. Irving Garwood Shakespeare Scholarship	English major; 3.0 GPA; junior/senior standing; manifests and exceptional interest in Shakespeare; recommendation of Shakespeare faculty
Robert L. Hodges English Education Scholarship	English Education major with proven commitment to working towards a career in teaching English literature or language at a public school. GPA of 2.5 - 3.2 on a 4.0 scale.
Lila S. Linder English Scholarship	English major; 3.3 GPA; at least sophomore standing; full-time student; leadership, dependability, service; two scholarships awarded to 1 male and 1 female English major.
Alfred J. Lindsey Memorial Scholarship	Graduate or undergraduate English major; at least junior standing; requires 3.0 GPA (cumulative, major and minor) for undergraduate students/3.5 GPA for graduate students; exceptional interest & skill in writing; must submit writing samples (10-page maximum)
Karen Mann Essay Award in Literature and Film	English major or minor, or Film minor; 3.0 GPA; at least junior standing; must submit original essay written for a class in British or European literature, or film.
John Merrett Scholarship in British Literature	Graduate or undergraduate English major; at least junior standing; must submit original essay written on a topic in English literature
Nai-Tung Ting English Scholarship	Graduate or undergraduate English major; 3.0 GPA for undergraduates/3.5 GPA for graduate students; at least junior standing; preference given to student from mainland China
The Wanninger Foundation Scholarship	Graduate or undergraduate English major whose education was interrupted by at least two years; requires 2.5 GPA for undergraduate students/3.0 GPA for graduate students; awarded every other year
Beth M. Stiffler Scholarship	Junior or Senior English Education major; 3.0 GPA; fully accepted into TEP; 2 recommendations (one from ENG 384 or EDUC 439 faculty); submit short (1-2 pg.) statement of purpose, strengths and preparation for teaching
Scholar of the Year	English major; outstanding GPA; at least junior standing; prefer outside activity that shows commitment to field of study

Scholarship Application

Department of English
Western Illinois University
http://www.wiu.edu/cas/english

Directions: (please read carefully)

1. <u>Please note the specific requirements for each scholarship.</u> Students will be considered for all awards for which they are eligible based on their application materials.

2. Fill out this form completely. ***Please print.***

3. <u>Include a personal statement</u>, which includes your reasons for majoring in English as well as your plans for the future. Additionally, include any writing samples as needed for specific scholarships.

4. <u>Include a copy of your resume</u> (or a list of honors and activities if you do not have a current resume).

5. Sign and date the form.

6. Deliver this completed form and supporting materials to the English Advising Office (Simpkins 124) by the advertised deadline each spring.

Required Information

Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

Local address: _____

City, State, & Zip: _____

Local or Cell phone: _____   Email: _____

Semester hours completed at Western: _____   Semester hours completed in major: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____   Major GPA: _____

Please list any **immediate** family members currently enrolled in college. Names not required. You can just list by relationship (ie. my sister, mother, son, etc.): _____

I certify that the information listed above is accurate and complete.

Signature: _____   Date: _____

Recommendations

You must present letters of recommendation from two English Department faculty. Please print their names below. Ask faculty to send letters to the Advising Office, Simpkins 124, by the application deadline.

1. _____   2. _____