

Scholarship Application Form

Scholarship descriptions and requirements:

Milton Plesur Scholarship/History Department Scholarship: Full-time history majors who have compiled outstanding records in history are eligible to apply for the Milton Plesur Scholarship, named after Professor Milton Plesur (1927-1987). Professor Plesur devoted his career to teaching, and bequeathed his estate to the university for the continued support of UB students. Awards will be made to students who can demonstrate the most serious interest in and commitment to history as evidenced by academic record, extra-curricular activities, and career plans. A sophomore awardee who continues to compile an excellent record in his or her junior year may reapply for a second year of support for the senior year.

Joyce J. and John D. Milligan and Family Scholarship: Full-time history majors from underrepresented minorities, with good academic credentials and personal characteristics (attitude, personality, citizenship, and leadership) are invited to apply for a Milligan Scholarship. Awards are made to prospective juniors and seniors annually. This scholarship is made available through the generosity of John D. Milligan, a long-time History Department faculty member, his late wife Joyce who served the Department as a secretary, their daughter Jacqueline, a dedicated teacher of English as a Second Language at UB, and two other daughters, Elizabeth and Polla, both residents of Buffalo. Preference will be given to African-American students from Western New York who have financial need. The junior award is renewable in the senior year at the discretion of the chair of the History Department.

History Department Undergraduate Diversity Scholarship: The History Department will award Undergraduate Diversity Scholarships to students entering their Sophomore, Junior *or* Senior year. We are particularly excited to support students who can demonstrate that they contribute to the diversity of the student body, especially those who can show that they have overcome a disadvantage or other impediments to success in higher education.

History Department Internship Scholarship: The History Department believes firmly in the value of experiential learning and public history as fundamental to the experience of our majors. The Department will offer scholarships for students enrolling in the Department's Internship course, HIS 496. The Department's Public History Internship course allows our students to explore the many and diverse ways in which history is put to work in the world, complementing their class work with valuable, hands-on experience in museums, historical societies, cultural or preservation organizations, and non-profits. The History Department Internship Scholarship recognizes the value of the internship by establishing a competitive award of \$1000 for students engaging in projects with particularly strong public history merit, payable at the completion of the course. Students interested in an internship scholarship must submit a short description of the value of the project in addition to the other application materials.

Bryan G. Argo Memorial Scholarship: History majors who are residents of Niagara or Erie county and full-time students in their junior or senior year and working at least part-time who have compiled an over-all grade point average of at least 3.0 are eligible for the Bryan G. Argo Memorial Scholarship. Applicants should submit a letter of reference from a current professor or civic or spiritual leader and write a personal statement as described in the application. The scholarship awards demonstrated family values, integrity, and personal achievements. This award is made each year through the generosity of the family and friends of Bryan Argo, a History student who was devoted to family and friends, believed strongly in continuing education, and whose promising life was tragically cut short.

Milton Plesur and Schoellkopf Awards for Study Abroad: Each year the History Department awards study abroad scholarships to qualified History majors enrolling in a recognized summer, semester, winter intersession, or year-long study abroad program. Students must be full-time students in good standing, have applied for admission to a recognized program for full-time study abroad, and are recommended by a UB faculty member familiar with their work. Preference will be given to students studying abroad for the first time, are enrolling in a study abroad program administered by UB, and will return to UB for at least one semester to assist in promoting international education. Upon the completion of their program the award winner will write a 500-1000 word report describing and evaluating their experience. The department holds a competition in the fall for spring semester study abroad and one in the spring for summer, fall, and full academic year programs.

Undergraduate Research Paper Prize: Each Spring the Department awards a prize for the best honors thesis or substantial research paper written in that academic year. The prize is awarded in honor of Professor Patricia Mazón, a historian of Germany who retired from the department in 2017. The author of the winning paper will receive a cash prize and will be recognized at graduation.

Curvish Paper Prize: History majors in their senior year who have written an outstanding paper relating to the U.S. Constitution are invited to apply for the Curvish Paper Prize. The Edward L. Curvish, Jr. Award was established in 2000 by Edward L. Curvish, Jr., who received a BA in the Department of History. He went on to receive a Master's in Education and taught high school for many years.

All scholarships are granted for the following academic year.* Any student who wins a scholarship should meet with their financial aid representative about impact on financial aid.

Application Deadline: April 22nd, 2024

Please return the completed scholarship form and required materials by email to
ughis@buffalo.edu.

Students may also return a paper copy of the application and required materials to the
Department of History Office, 543 Park Hall, North Campus

*The Undergraduate Research Paper Prize is a cash award given at the end of the current Spring semester.

General Scholarship Application Form

Check which scholarships you are applying for

Milton Plesur/History Department Scholarship
Joyce J. and John D. Milligan and Family Scholarship
History Department Undergraduate Diversity Scholarship
History Department Internship Scholarship
Bryan G. Argo Memorial Scholarship
Milton Plesur and Schoellkopf Awards for Study Abroad
Undergraduate Research Paper Prize
Curvish Paper Prize

Personal Information:

Full Name:

UB Person Number:

UB Email:

Permanent Address:

Local Address:

Phone Number:

Are you a New York state resident? Yes No

Academic Information

Current Level: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

History GPA:

Expected Graduation Date:

Personal Statement Instructions

All scholarships, except the Research Paper Prize, require a Personal Statement:

Attach a typed statement that demonstrates your serious interest in the study of history. Issues to address include: the basis for your interest in history, academic and non-academic activities which demonstrate your commitment to the discipline of History and the larger community, and your future career plans. Also, pay attention to the criteria of the particular scholarships for

which you are applying. Statements should be at least one page in length, but no more than three double-spaced typed pages. **One statement can serve for multiple scholarships.**

Special instructions for the Milligan Scholarship Personal Statement:

Be sure to focus on both academic and personal characteristics that make you suited for the Milligan Scholarship.

Special instructions for the Milton Plesur and Schoellkopf Awards for Study Abroad:

In a brief essay of no more than 500 words, describe your motivations for undertaking your chosen study abroad program, the likely courses to be taken, and your assessment of how this experience will assist you in realizing your personal, academic, and career goals. If you have previous experience living or studying abroad please describe that as well.

N.B. If applying for the Study Abroad Awards along with other scholarships please include two personal statements, one specific to study abroad and one specific to the other scholarships. If you are only applying for the Study Abroad Awards follow just the special instructions for the Study Abroad Awards brief essay.

Letter of Recommendation Instructions

All scholarships, except the Research Paper Prize, require one letter of recommendation from a Department of History faculty member. One letter of recommendation will suffice for multiple Scholarships. Once you have requested a letter and the faculty member has accepted that request, the faculty member will send the letter directly to the Awards Committee. Letters themselves should not be attached to this application by the applicant. Please only indicate the name of the faculty member writing the letter.

Name of faculty member:

Additional required information for specific scholarships

History Department Internship Scholarship: In addition to the general application, Personal Statement, and faculty recommendation letter, the Internship Scholarship also requires a short description of the value of your internship project. Include this statement with your other application materials.

Undergraduate Research Paper Prize: Email your paper along with this application form to the Director of Undergraduate Studies, dushist@buffalo.edu. Please note that consideration for this prize only requires the General Scholarship Application and the paper itself. There is no need to write a personal statement or acquire a letter of recommendation.

Milton Plesur and Schoellkopf Awards for Study Abroad:

Major(s):

Minor(s):

Overall GPA:

Anticipated term of participation:

Administering Campus:

Destination(s) City and Country:

Host Institution and Department Address:

Will this be your first experience studying abroad?

Application Certification

I certify that the above information and information given in required supplementary documentation is correct:

Signature

Date