History Department and
Presidential Upper Level Scholarships

Each spring semester, the Department will choose applicants and offer some or all of the following awards:

- Alton G. Brieger Scholarship
- Taylor-Murphy Scholarship
- Dennis and Margaret Dunn Scholarship
- FitzPatrick-Clayton-Kissler Scholarship
- Brunson Family Endowed Scholarship
- James W. Pohl Scholarship
- Michael R. Davis Scholarship
- Kent Finlay Scholarship
- Nominee for Presidential Upper Level Scholarship

Application Process: Since scholarship requirements vary (requirements for each scholarship are located below), students should submit one application, making sure that it contains all documentation necessary for the most stringent scholarship applied for (i.e. submit one transcript and one degree audit, up to three letters of recommendation, one or more essays depending on the scholarships applied for, one set of GRE or other scores if applicable, etc.). A complete application should include the following:

1. A completed application form (located below).

2. No more than a total of three confidential letters of recommendation from teachers or professors (the Dunn Scholarship does allow for one of the recommendations to be from a source other than a teacher/professor if the applicant desires (see criteria below)). Current Texas State students should include at least one letter of recommendation from a History professor whose class they have completed.

3. A current transcript showing all college work (this can be an unofficial transcript obtained from the Texas State website). Some scholarships may also require submittal of GRE or other scholastic scores, proof of class ranking, a high school transcript, and/or a financial need assessment (optional) (see criteria of each scholarship below).

4. If a current Texas State student, a current degree audit showing all college work (this can be obtained from the Texas State website).

5. For the Brieger, Taylor-Murphy, and Dunn Scholarships*, a 400-500 word essay explaining why the applicant is majoring in history. This essay could include information regarding how the study of history might affect an applicant’s future career plans and/or what, if any, effect it might have on the applicant’s ability to impact the world around them.

6. For the Brunson Family Scholarship* (Graduate Students only), a 250-500 word essay describing how the applicant’s experience in the History Department has affected their view of the discipline.

7. For the Davis and Finlay Scholarships* (Graduate Students only), a 400-500 word essay describing how the study of history (especially Texas Music History) has enhanced the applicant’s understanding of our society and of History as a discipline.
(Graduate students who are applying for the Dunn, the Brunson, the Davis and the Finlay Scholarships will be required to submit three separate essays*. In addition, graduate students who are applying for the Pohl Scholarship must also submit a Thesis Prospectus.)

*In submitting all essays, students should take care to make sure that essays are double-spaced typewritten in a standard size font. Students should also include their name at the top of the first page and a computer generated word count at the end of each essay.

All of the above should be submitted to:

Scholarship Committee
Department of History
202 Taylor-Murphy Hall
Texas State University
601 University Dr.
San Marcos, Texas 78666

SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

For those wishing to receive consideration in the nomination process for the PRESIDENTIAL UPPER LEVEL SCHOLARSHIP, the deadline for submission of a completed application is FEBRUARY 15th (or the next working day if February 15th falls on a weekend).

For those not wishing to receive consideration for the Presidential Upper Level Scholarship, the deadline for submission of all materials is MARCH 10th (or the next working day if March 10th falls on a weekend).

Since professors (or other allowable sources) must submit their letters of recommendation by the specified dates, students should contact professors early in an effort to allow them sufficient time to write and submit their recommendations. These letters may then be submitted electronically to ih01@txstate.edu, mailed or hand delivered to the History Department Office at the address above, or included in the applicant’s packet via a sealed envelope.

Incomplete applications may not receive consideration.

Misinformation or misrepresentation is sufficient reason to cancel any of these scholarships if awarded.
GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
(Requirements vary by scholarship – see individual scholarship information below.)

- Applicants for most scholarships must be history majors, some of whom must have completed at least 30 undergraduate hours at Texas State or be a current graduate student at Texas State.
- Applicants for some scholarships must have completed one of the following - History 2310, 2311, 2312, 2320, or an advanced history course at Texas State.
- Applicants must have a minimum 3.0-3.5 Overall GPA and/or a minimum 3.3-3.5 History GPA. Scholastic and class standing rank or GRE scores may also be required for selected scholarships.
- Winners must maintain required minimum semester and/or Overall GPAs, and most must complete 9-15 hours a semester per individual scholarship requirements.
- Failure to comply with any necessary requirements will constitute grounds for forfeiture of the scholarship.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES:

NOTE: The Brieger, Taylor-Murphy, Dunn, and FCK scholarships, as well as nomination for the Presidential Upper Level Scholarship are available to undergraduate students. The Dunn, FCK, Brunson, Davis, Finlay, and Pohl Scholarships are available to graduate students.

ALTON G. BRIEGER SCHOLARSHIP (Undergraduate Only):
Eligibility and Application Requirements:
- Applicants must be History majors who have completed at least 30 hours of Texas State University credit.
- Applicants must have completed one of the following – History 2310, 2320, 2311, 2312, or an advanced History course at Texas State University.
- Applicants must have a 3.3 GPA in history, and a 3.0 GPA overall.
- Applicants must obtain two confidential letters of recommendation from college professors with one being from a faculty member at Texas State whose class you have completed.
- Applicants must submit a 400-500 word essay as described under the application process above.
- Brieger scholars are required to maintain an overall, and semester-by-semester, GPA of 3.0 overall and 3.3 in history. Scholars must register for and complete at least 12 hours per semester. Failure to comply will constitute grounds for forfeiture of the Brieger Scholarship.

TAYLOR – MURPHY SCHOLARSHIP (Undergraduate Only):
Eligibility and Application Requirements:
- Applicants must be History majors who have completed at least 30 hours of Texas State University credit.
- Applicants must have completed one of the following – History 2310, 2320, 2311, 2312, or an advanced History course at Texas State University.
- Applicants must have a 3.3 GPA in history, and a 3.0 GPA overall.
- Applicants must obtain two confidential letters of recommendation from college professors with one being from a faculty member at Texas State whose class you have completed.
- Applicants must submit a 400-500 word essay as described under the application process above.
- Taylor-Murphy scholars are required to maintain an overall, and semester-by-semester, GPA of 3.0 overall and 3.3 in history. Scholars must register for and complete at least 12 hours per semester. Failure to comply will constitute grounds for forfeiture of the Taylor-Murphy Scholarship.
DENNIS AND MARGARET DUNN SCHOLARSHIP (Undergraduate or Graduate):
Eligibility and Application Requirements:
- Applicants must be **majors in History or International Studies** and must have the following academic standing:
  a. current students, both undergraduate and graduate, with a minimum of **3.5 GPA**.
  b. incoming freshmen who have a minimum **ACT** Composite score of **27**, or an **SAT** score of **1150**, and rank in the top **10%** of his/her graduating class.
-Dunn scholars are required to **maintain an overall and semester-by-semester Texas State University GPA of 3.5 or above**. Failure to comply with this provision shall constitute grounds for the forfeiture of the Dunn Scholarship. Students must remain a major in International Studies or History. Dunn Scholarship recipients are expected to enroll for at least **15 hours per semester** if they are undergraduates or at least **9 hours** if they are graduate students.
-Students should **complete a financial need application** at the Texas State Financial Aid Office to determine if they qualify for financial need.
-Applicants must include current **transcripts** of all college work. Incoming freshmen should submit their **high school transcript** (with class ranking) and a certified copy of their **SAT or ACT scores**. Graduate students must submit their **GRE** scores.
-Applicants must provide **references** from three people as follows: 1) One should be a teacher whose specialty is the same as or most similar to the applicant’s major. 2) One should be a teacher who can describe the applicant’s abilities. 3) One should be an individual who can best provide a description of those personal qualities and attributes that make the applicant a suitable scholarship recipient. Such a person might be a present or former employer, a member of the clergy, etc.. Relatives are not considered suitable references.
- Applicants must submit a **400-500 word essay** as described in the application guidelines.
-The basic criteria for awarding scholarships will be merit and need.
  a. Merit will be determined by GPA, ACT or SAT scores, letters of reference, or other appropriate measures. Scholarships can be awarded solely on ground of merit.
  b. Need will be determined by the Texas State Financial Aid Office which will inform the Committee of an applicant’s financial need status.
-If necessary, interviews with applicants may be conducted.

FITZPATRICK – CLAYTON – KISSLER SCHOLARSHIP (Undergraduate or Graduate):
Eligibility and Application Requirements:
-This scholarship has the following two **preferences**:
  a. students who are seeking **teacher certification** in history or
  b. graduate students who **already have their teacher certification** but who are continuing their education.
-Applicants must have a minimum **3.5 GPA overall** and a minimum **3.5 GPA in history**.
-Applicants must submit **three letters of recommendation**. Students should choose references who can describe the applicant’s academic and/or teaching abilities.

BRUNSON FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP: (Graduate Only)
Eligibility and Application Requirements:
-Applicants must be **current graduate students majoring in history** with a minimum **3.5 GPA**.
-Applicants must submit **two letters of recommendations from History professors**.
-Applicants must submit a **250-500 word essay** describing how their experience in the History Department has affected their view of the discipline.
-Brunson scholars are required to **maintain an overall and semester-by-semester Texas State University GPA of 3.5 or above**.
JAMES W. POHL SCHOLARSHIP: (Graduate Only)
Eligibility and Application Requirements:
- Applicants must be *returning graduate students working on a thesis in History.*
- Applicants must have a minimum 3.5 GPA.
- Applicants must submit two letters of support/recommendation – one from the director of the thesis and one from another faculty member.
- Applicants must submit a detailed thesis prospectus with their application.

MICHAEL R. DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP (Graduate Only)
Eligibility and Application Requirements:
- Applicants must be *current graduate students with a minimum 3.5 GPA.*
- Applicants must be either a History or Music major.
- Although all History and Music majors may apply for this scholarship, preference in the awarding of this scholarship will be given to those applicants who are studying Texas Music History.
- Applicants must provide two letters of recommendation from faculty members.
- Applicants will be required to submit a 400-500 word essay describing how the study of history (especially Texas Music History) has enhanced their understanding of our society and of History as a discipline.
- Davis Scholars will be required to enroll in at least 6 semester hours and to maintain an overall and semester-by-semester GPA of 3.5 or higher. Failure to comply will constitute grounds for forfeiture of the Michael R. Davis Scholarship.

KENT FINLAY SCHOLARSHIP (Graduate Only)
Eligibility and Application Requirements:
- Applicants must be current graduate students with a minimum 3.5 GPA.
- Applicants must be either a History or Music major.
- Although all History and Music majors may apply for this scholarship, preference in the awarding of this scholarship will be given to those applicants who are studying Texas Music History.
- Applicants must provide two letters of recommendation from faculty members.
- Applicants will be required to submit a 400-500 word essay describing how the study of history (especially Texas Music History) has enhanced their understanding of our society and of History as a discipline.
- Finlay Scholars will be required to enroll in at least 6 semester hours and to maintain an overall and semester-by-semester GPA of 3.5 or higher. Failure to comply will constitute grounds for forfeiture of the Kent Finlay Scholarship.

NOMINATION FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL UPPER LEVEL SCHOLARSHIP (Undergraduate Only):
Eligibility and Application Requirements:
- Applicants must have earned 60 or more credits by the time the scholarship is funded (in the fall term).
- 30 of the 60 credits must have been earned at Texas State University.
- Students receiving other scholarships funded by Student Service fees are ineligible for the Presidential Upper Level Scholarship unless they elect to forfeit such scholarships for that year.
- Applicants must request three faculty members, preferably from their major department, to fill out confidential evaluation forms.
- The History Department will choose one nominee, whose name and file will be forwarded to the College of Liberal Arts where all nominations from the various departments will be considered. One scholarship of $1,200 – divided into $600 at fall and spring registrations – will then be awarded.
- Scholarship students must enroll in at least 12 hours of course work each semester.
Application for All History and Presidential Upper Level Scholarships

Please indicate which scholarship/s you wish to apply for. If you apply for multiple scholarships, be sure your application contains all pertinent information as it relates to a particular scholarship (i.e. ACT, SAT, or GRE scores, financial aid application, specific types of references, essay/s, Thesis Prospectus, etc.). No applicant may receive more than one scholarship, but students are encouraged to apply for all scholarships for which they meet the criteria.

__________Alton G. Brieger Scholarship
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__________Kent Finlay Scholarship (Graduate students only)
__________Nominee for Presidential Upper Level Scholarship

NOTE: The Brieger and Taylor-Murphy scholarships, as well as nomination for the Presidential Upper Level Scholarship are available to undergraduate students. The Brunson, Davis, Finlay, and Pohl Scholarships are available to graduate students. *Both undergraduate and graduate students may apply for the Dunn and FCK scholarships.

(Please type or print clearly)

1. Name_________________________________ Texas State ID number ________________
2. Local Address ____________________________________________________________________________________
3. Permanent Address (if different from above) ____________________________________________________________
4. E-mail address ____________________________________________________________________________________
5. Home Phone__________________________________ Cell Phone______________________________
6. Major _________________________
7. Overall GPA _______  Tx. State GPA _______  History GPA _______  (as specified on the degree audit)
8. Please indicate your status by marking one of the following:
   ☐   Incoming freshman        ☐   Continuing undergraduate student
   ☐   Incoming transfer student ☐   Continuing graduate student
   ☐   Incoming graduate student
9. Are you seeking teacher certification?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No
10. Do you currently have teacher certification?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

(For Undergraduates Only)

1. Have you taken a Sophomore or Advanced course at Texas State?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No
   If so, please list the course/s:
2. How many total college hours will you have completed by the end of the current semester? ______
3. How many total college hours will you have completed by the end of the summer? ______
4. How many college hours will you have completed at Texas State by the end of the current semester? ______
5. How many college hours will you have completed at Texas State by the end of the summer? ______
(For Graduate Students Only)

1. How many total graduate hours will you have completed by the end of the current semester? ______

2. How many graduate hours will you have completed by the end of the summer? ______

3. How many graduate hours will you have completed at Texas State by the end of the current semester? ______

4. How many graduate hours will you have completed at Texas State by the end of the summer? ______

(For all students)

1. Academic Honors, Awards, and Activities (Please distinguish between high school and college.)
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3. List the names of the people who will be providing letters of recommendation. Use only college faculty unless other sources are specifically allowed for per scholarship. Unless you are an incoming student, at least one faculty member should be a History professor at Texas State whose course you have completed.

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4. Date that you expect to graduate? ____________________________________________________

Return this form and all accompanying material to:
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Department of History
202 Taylor-Murphy Hall
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Recommendation Form

All History and Presidential Upper Level Scholarships

Name of Applicant (Please type or print clearly) __________________________________________________

☐ Undergraduate student  ☐ Graduate student

The applicant is ☐/or is ☐ not ☐ seeking consideration in the nomination process for the Presidential Upper Level Scholarship.

Name and Department of Evaluator (Please type or print clearly) ____________________________________
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If not a college professor, relationship to applicant._____________________________________________
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Please evaluate the applicant’s scholarly abilities, personal qualities, and potential for outstanding achievement and leadership. If the person is interested in teaching, please give your opinion of their abilities related to that profession. Add information regarding any other characteristics that you find relevant.

This recommendation form is entirely confidential and should not be shared with the student. If you would prefer, you may write a letter or use the back side of this form. You may submit this recommendation electronically to ih01@txstate.edu, mail or hand deliver it to the History Department Office at the address below, or have it included in the applicant’s packet via a sealed envelope.

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