CHARACTERISTICS OF AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT

Participates in Extracurricular Activities: Involvement in activities such as athletics, clubs, discussion groups, student government, and volunteering, exemplify students’ scope, interests, and commitment.

Participates in Projects and Educational Opportunities Beyond the Classroom: This includes undergraduate research opportunities, study abroad or foreign language programs, internships, and other engagement within a specific field or community.

Demonstrates Leadership: Holding an official position is not necessary to demonstrate leadership. Students who contribute their skills and strengths toward efforts on and off campus (e.g., teaching assistants, residence advisors, mentors and tutors) gain valuable leadership experience.

Contributes Financially Toward Education: Students who must balance coursework with a job and are therefore limited in their extracurricular activities are also strong candidates for awards.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

National Scholarships create enriching educational opportunities that include research, study abroad, language learning, post-baccalaureate study, and more. If you have educational aspirations beyond your undergraduate coursework at the University of Pittsburgh, competitive national scholarships can help make these goals become a reality.

University Honors College, National Scholarships
http://scholarships.honorscollege.pitt.edu/

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UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS

Students of diverse backgrounds, interests, and goals pursue national scholarships. There are many different kinds of award opportunities that recognize students’ strengths and accomplishments.

The University of Pittsburgh undergraduate students have an impressive history of winning prestigious national awards such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Gates Cambridge, Churchill, Fulbright, Truman, Goldwater, Udall, Boren, Rotary, Whitaker, Humanity in Action, Pickering, and many more.

THE FIRST STEP

Students interested in pursuing national scholarships should start by attending a general scholarship information session. Register on our website at http://scholarships.honorscollege.pitt.edu/.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR A NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Attend a general information session
- Establish relationships with faculty
- Read award websites thoroughly
- Examine winners' biographies
- Make a timeline
- Start EARLY!

After attending a general information session students meet one-on-one with the National Scholarships Advisors to discuss which awards best suit their profile and interests. The advisors work together with the students throughout the application process. Though a number of scholarships require university endorsement, many others are “direct-apply” awards. The national scholarships advisors assist students with both.

Please note that for university-endorsed awards there are Pitt campus-specific deadlines not listed on the foundations’ websites that must be met in order to be eligible.