DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS INFO SESSION

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What are some distinguished scholarships and fellowships?

**Rhodes Scholarships** provide full financial support to pursue a graduate degree at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom ([http://www.rhodesscholar.org/](http://www.rhodesscholar.org/)).

The **Fulbright U.S. Student Program** provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or for English Teaching Assistant Programs during one academic year in a participating country outside the U.S. ([https://us.fulbrightonline.org/](https://us.fulbrightonline.org/)).

**James C. Gaither Junior Fellows** work as research assistants to Carnegie’s senior scholars. ([https://carnegieendowment.org/about/jr-fellows/](https://carnegieendowment.org/about/jr-fellows/))

The **Barry S. Goldwater Scholarship** is awarded to sophomores and juniors who intend to pursue research careers in the natural sciences, mathematics, and engineering. ([https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org/](https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org/))

The **Udall Foundation** awards scholarships to college sophomores and juniors for leadership, public service, and commitment to issues related to Native American nations or to the environment ([https://udall.gov/](https://udall.gov/)).

The **Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation** awards merit-based scholarships for graduate or professional school to college students who plan to pursue careers in government or elsewhere in public service. ([https://www.truman.gov/](https://www.truman.gov/)).

Visit [https://guides.stetson.edu/externalscholarships](https://guides.stetson.edu/externalscholarships) to see additional scholarship and fellowship opportunities and view eligibility requirements.

**Distinguished scholarships and fellowships at Stetson**

Stetson University possesses a rich history of matriculating students to nationally and internationally recognized scholarships and fellowships. Recently, Maeve Coughlin ’17 was selected as a 2018-19 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Germany and Sarah Coffey ’18 was awarded a Udall Scholarship.

Maeve Coughlin, ’17

Sarah Coffey, ’18
Getting Started

It’s never too early to start thinking about applying. To get started:

- Visit [https://guides.stetson.edu/externalscholarships](https://guides.stetson.edu/externalscholarships) for more information on scholarship and fellowship opportunities as well as tips and advice.
- Meet with the Research and External Scholarships Advisor, Grace Kaletski-Maisel (gkaletsk@stetson.edu), to explore your suitability for various opportunities.
- Learn as much as you can about the scholarship or fellowship that interests you. Visit their website, talk with the advisor, and look for testimonies from previous recipients.

Session Learning Outcomes

After attending this session, students will be able to:

1. Articulate the purpose of distinguished scholarships and fellowships.
2. Access additional information about distinguished scholarships and fellowships.
3. Begin writing a personal statement for a scholarship or fellowship application.

Agenda

I. Introductory remarks
II. What are distinguished scholarships and fellowships?
   a. Icebreaker
   b. Meet the Scholarship and Fellowship Advisors
   c. Where to Learn More
III. Personal Statement Workshop
   a. Transferable Skill Translation
   b. Free Writing
   c. Report out and final thoughts
Transferable Skill Translation

Perhaps you’ve participated in activities like student organizations, internships, volunteering, or research during your time as a student. Each experience you’ve had likely helped you develop skills that you can transfer and apply to new situations. This activity will help you consider how to describe your transferable skills in a scholarship or fellowship application.

Instructions:

1. In the column on the left, list experiences you’ve participated in as a student along with a brief summary.
2. For each experience, check the box for each skill that you developed or demonstrated as part of that experience.
3. Briefly describe why you chose each skill.

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Most applications will require you to submit a personal statement that describes you and your aspirations. Start generating material by drawing or writing responses to each question in the space below.

Instructions: Respond to the next three questions. Write continuously for 5 minutes. Your pen MUST NOT leave your paper. You can write anything you want but you cannot stop writing. No one will read your writing. No talking!

1. **Who are you?** I.e., What is special, unique, distinctive, and/or impressive about you or your life story? What details of your life might help a scholarship committee better understand you?
2. **What is your area of interest?** I.e., When did you become interested? How have you learned about it? What are your career goals?
3. What do you have to offer? I.e., What experiences do you have? What personal characteristics or skills do you possess?