

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Economics Department recognizes the many academic and extracurricular accomplishments of undergraduate students within the economics majors with scholarships that are based on set criteria. Information is also provided on the Scholarship & Awards section of our website: <http://www.economics.illinois.edu/undergrad/students/awards/>

General Application Information: Please read the eligibility and application information under each scholarship carefully, as they have different requirements. The nominee must be a declared Economics major during the current semester. **Students may apply for multiple scholarships** (each application must be submitted separately). Application materials are considered in their entirety. Numerous applications are submitted each year, so we encourage students to spend time on their submission materials, providing relevant information, and writing strong essays that support the application for a particular scholarship. Students are encouraged to use the writing/career centers and other resources to write compelling essays, but they should ensure that all words are their own, are truthful, and do not misrepresent works, experiences, or records.

Selection: Applications are reviewed by a selection committee made up by the Director of Undergraduate Studies and the Undergraduate Studies Staff, in consultation with additional campus staff and faculty.

Application materials must be completed in full and submitted by the due date for consideration, and the materials of all applicants meeting the eligibility requirements will be reviewed. Nominees may be asked to provide additional information, or asked to submit verification of accomplishments, as requested by the selection committee. Awards are subject to the final approval of the Department Head. All applicants will be notified following the selection, and additional information will be provided to awardees.

Recipients: Students receiving awards are recognized on the Department's website. The scholarships are one-time monetary awards, dispersed through student accounts, unless otherwise noted under the specific scholarship.

Spring 2020 Application Deadline: Sunday, April 26th by 11:59pm, **Applications Only Accepted Online**

Scholarship Application: <http://go.economics.illinois.edu/EconUGScholarships>

ECONOMICS ALUMNI FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS:

Applications for alumni scholarships are solicited and awardees are determined each spring, unless otherwise noted. Specific eligibility requirements and instructions are listed under each scholarship. The Selection Committee makes the final determination on the number of scholarships awarded, and the monetary amount of each scholarship (if variable), based on the scholarship funds available each semester.

Robert L. and Amelia Louise Rivers Scholarship (\$600)

The Robert L. and Amelia Louise Rivers Scholarship is a monetary scholarship awarded to up to two undergraduate Economics majors on the basis of merit. This scholarship was established in 2005 by a gift from Amelia Louise Rivers as a memorial for her husband, Robert L. Rivers, who died at the age of 83 in November 2003. Robert Rivers received an M.S. and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Illinois in 1947 and 1957, respectively. He retired as the UPS Professor of Transportation at North Carolina A & T State University.

Eligibility:

- declared Economics major;
- completion of at least 60 hours of coursework, including at least 18 hours of economics;
- attained a minimum of 3.0/4.0 grade point average in all UIUC economics/statistics courses;
- and a minimum of 3.0/4.0 grade point average overall.

Application: Submit the online scholarship application, a résumé/CV, and submit an essay of 250-500 words addressing the following question: "What distinguishes you as a student of economics?" The essay may include your interest in economics and the steps that you have taken beyond your classes to further your study of economics.

Shebik Centennial Economics Scholarship (\$1,500)

The Shebik Centennial Economics Scholarship was created to provide financial need-based scholarships to students enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences who are majoring in economics. The Shebik family has a long legacy with the University of Illinois. In the Department of Economics, Mrs. Megan Shebik is a 1980 alumna with a career of 25 years of consulting in the field of philanthropy. Prior to that, she was employed with the Chicago branch of Kemper National Insurance, with her expertise focused in underwriting management. Mr. Steve Shebik is a 1978 alumnus of the College of Business with undergraduate degrees in Finance and Accountancy and an MBA from the University of Chicago in Finance and Statistics. Son Brian Shebik is a 2016 alumnus with degrees in Economics and Finance and the Master of Science in Analytics degree from the University of Chicago. Son Matthew Shebik is a 2018 alumnus with a degree in Economics and minors in both Statistics and Business. Matthew is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Finance degree at the Stuart School of Business at Illinois Technology, in Chicago. Daughter Sarah is a 2019 alumna with a Psychology major and a Business minor and is pursuing a Master degree in Forensic Psychology at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Steve's mother, Mrs. Phyllis Shebik, is a 1938 alumna in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, general curriculum. The family has a long spanning history of volunteer work, philanthropy and community involvement with broad reaching efforts in organizations like the Boy Scouts of America, the 1867 Society Council Registered Student Organization at the University of Illinois, non-profit charitable organizations, among others. The Department of Economics, and the University of Illinois, are grateful for the support of our students and programs by the Shebik family.

Eligibility: A currently declared Economics student who has completed at least one full-time semester at UIUC with unmet financial need, who demonstrates that the funds would go to support general educational attainment, alleviate some financial burden, and/or provide funding assistance towards an additional academic experience.

Application: Submit the online scholarship application, a résumé/CV, and two essays of 100- 500 words each. Essay 1: Describe how your interest in economics developed and how your major will contribute to your future education/career goals. Essay 2: From a financial standpoint, describe how this scholarship will help advance your education.

Michael and Christine Kolbuk Undergraduate Scholarship (\$500)

The Michael and Christine Kolbuk Undergraduate Scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate economics student of good academic standing, with first preference given to first generation students. Michael Kolbuk earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the department in 1971, and both he and his wife, Christine, are committed to supporting hardworking and meritorious students at the University of Illinois.

Eligibility:

- declared Economics major;
- completion of at least 60 hours of coursework, including at least 18 hours of economics;
- attained a minimum of 3.0/4.0 grade point average in all UIUC economics/statistics courses;
- and a minimum of 3.0/4.0 grade point average overall.

Application: Submit the online scholarship application, a résumé/CV, and submit an essay of 250-500 words addressing the following: "Describe your most meaningful achievement/s and how they relate to your major, or educational/career goals."

ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS:

Departmental scholarships are funded by the Department of Economics. Awardees are determined each spring, unless otherwise noted. Some of these scholarships allow for peer, faculty or staff nominations. Specific eligibility requirements and instructions are listed under each scholarship. The Selection Committee makes the final determination on the number of scholarships awarded, and the monetary amount of each scholarship, based on the scholarship funds available each semester. The scholarships are given to students who have provided leadership and excellence and have demonstrated involvement and community within the Department of Economics, throughout campus, and within the Champaign-Urbana area. Examples of involvement may include, but are not limited to the following: attending events, volunteering, providing leadership, interning, student employment, class participation or achievement, assisting fellow students, or participating in other Departmental activities.

Economics Community Scholarship (\$500)

The student demonstrates service and dedication to their peers in the UIUC Economics major through their involvement in Departmental activities and related initiatives. Examples include working in the tutoring center, serving as an unpaid Teaching Assistant, enthusiastic participation in Economics-focused student groups (note this does not require a leadership position), serving as an Econ Ambassador, and other volunteer service that assists with Department activities.

Eligibility: A currently declared Economics student who has completed at least 30 credit hours of coursework on our campus.

Application: Submit the online scholarship application, resume/CV and an essay of 250-500 words. The essay should show why the nominee should be selected for this specific award, providing specific examples of how they demonstrate the qualities within this area.

Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship (\$500)

The student demonstrates a commitment and dedication to promoting the ideals of diversity and inclusion on the UIUC campus. Commitment may be shown by involvement in pertinent student groups and organizations or through independent or organized activities on the UIUC campus.

Eligibility: A currently declared Economics student who has completed at least 30 credit hours of coursework on our campus.

Application: Submit the online scholarship application, resume/CV and an essay of 250-500 words. The essay should show why the nominee should be selected for this specific award, providing specific examples of how they demonstrate the qualities within this area.

Peer Recognition Scholarship (\$500)

The student promotes involvement in the activities of the Economics Department, provides informal knowledge or academic help to peers, and otherwise helps and welcomes students to the department by their own initiative. This student selflessly goes above and beyond to help their fellow students achieve their academic, career, or personal goals.

Eligibility: A currently declared Economics student who has completed at least 30 credit hours of coursework on our campus.

Application - *NO self-nominations accepted for this award:* Nominator should submit the online scholarship application and an essay of 250-500 words. The essay should explain why you are nominating this student and why they should be selected for this specific award, providing specific examples of how they demonstrate the qualities within this area.

Experiential Learning Scholarship (\$1000)

This student shows an extraordinary interest in enhancing their economics degree with an experiential learning experience. Experiences may include, but are not limited to the following: study abroad, research, internship, attending/presenting at academic conferences, service-learning opportunities, and more. This award will go to students who have obtained an opportunity to enhance their academic career. Students must demonstrate a need for why this award will benefit them and their experience.

Eligibility: A currently declared Economics student who has completed at least 30 credit hours of coursework on our campus. Must also provide proof of confirmed experiential learning opportunity (ex: internship offer from company, study abroad program approval, letter from professor for research, etc)

Application: Submit the online scholarship application, resume/CV and an essay of 250-500 words. The essay should show why the nominee should be selected for this specific award, providing specific examples of how this experience will benefit their current academics and future academic or career plans.