Foundation Scholarships for History Students

A complete and searchable list of foundation scholarships can be found on Gold for Blugolds (login required).

To apply for any of these scholarships, use the application indicated. A complete list of required online applications are found in Gold for Blugolds; select the “Apply Now” button to find the needed application.

Note application deadlines -- the History Scholarship Application must be completed (with faculty recommendations) by April 6th.

Feel free to contact Pam Golden, History Dept ADA, with any questions (goldenp@uwec.edu | 715-836-5501).

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NOTE: The College of Arts and Sciences Scholarships are due by March 31st. Use the History Scholarship application for these but they will be forwarded at the earlier deadline.

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Search for scholarships in Gold for Blugolds

Questions???

Email (history@uwec.edu) or call (715-836-5501)

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History scholarships for current & returning students:

**Gary P. Friedli Memorial Scholarship (1138)**

One scholarship of $700 is available.

Available to students entering their junior year currently enrolled in good academic standing with a 3.00 GPA or better, and a history major.

**Scholarship Background:**

This scholarship is in memory of Gary Friedli who received his undergraduate degree in 1984 as a history major. He obtained his master’s degree in international studies at the University of Denver in 1988. Gary was a special agent with the U.S. Customs Service and was killed in the line of duty in southeast Arizona. He was 36 years old and is survived by his wife and daughter.

**Application:** History Scholarship Application  
**Financial Need:** Not required  
**Course of Study:** History

**Tom Grewe History Scholarship (2782)**

One scholarship of $800 is available.

This scholarship shall be awarded to a UW-Eau Claire student majoring in history in the applicant's sophomore or junior year of study. The applicant must have an overall GPA of C+ (2.5) and a GPA of B+ (3.5) in their major area of study. This scholarship is to be given based on merit and not need. The scholarship may be renewed for one additional year provided the previous criteria are met. The award is in recognition of the applicant’s academic standing and their ability to develop excellent social relations with staff and fellow students. Preference should be given for those students who are from the greater Chippewa Valley area, but the award is not limited to that area.

**Donor Background:**

Dr. Tom Grewe was an Eau Claire native who practiced dentistry for decades in a practice started by his father and uncle. He was known far and wide simply as "Doctor Tom." Doctor Tom died on November 25, 2020.

Tom was an excellent student and athlete in high school as well as being an active Boy Scout, eventually becoming an Eagle Scout. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis where he received his undergraduate and dental degree. He was an active community leader and a founding member of the Eau Claire Community Foundation.

After Tom retired, he enjoyed traveling and hunting. He also enrolled in art and history courses at UW-Eau Claire, eventually establishing the Tom Grewe Fine Arts Scholarship with the UW-Eau Claire Foundation. For many years Tom traveled around much of the United States and overseas with history classmates under the guidance of UW-Eau Claire History Professor Paulis Lazda.

Tom was a generous supporter of student success at UW-Eau Claire. His 22 years of giving to the UW-Eau Claire Foundation resulted in more than $85,000 for scholarships to outstanding students. Even in death, Dr. Tom continued to give. In 2021, the Grewe Family Fund with the Eau Claire Community Foundation provided $25,000 to endow this history scholarship for UW-Eau Claire students.

**Thank You Letter Instructions:** Recipients should write a thank you letter addressed to Bradley Grewe in care of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation.

**Application:** History Scholarship Application
Financial Need: Not required  
Course of Study: History  

History Scholarship (0743)  
One scholarship of $500 is available.  

Awarded to an outstanding history major who has demonstrated success in history courses at UW-Eau Claire. Success will be evaluated on the basis of overall and history department GPAs, and class performance. One letter of recommendation from a faculty member is required.  

Application: History Scholarship Application  
Financial Need: Not required  
Course of Study: History  

Jeffrey Liddicoat History Immersion Experience Award (2611)  
One scholarship of $2,500 is available.  

This award is for declared history majors, history minors, history teaching majors, or social studies teaching majors who are participating in a faculty-led immersion experience. Preference will be given to students participating in an immersion experience offered through the history department. Financial need is required.  

Thank You Letter Instructions: Recipients should write a thank you letter addressed to Jeffrey Liddicoat in care of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation.  

Application: History Immersion Experience Scholarship Application  
Financial Need: Required  
Course of Study: History | Social Studies  
Program/Activity: Immersion Experience  

Jane M Pederson & Ronald E Mickel History Scholarship (1556)  
One scholarship of $1,200 is available.  

Provides financial support for a student majoring in history during his or her senior year who intends to do graduate work in the discipline of history, working toward an M.A. or Ph.D., and pursue a career as a historian. Applicant must have completed at least 90 credits of total coursework by the beginning of the fall semester in which the award will be received and have at least two semesters of coursework remaining before graduation. Other factors that will be taken into consideration, in priority order, include: quality and thoughtfulness of the student's application essay, GPA, evidence of research and writing skills, academic honors/awards/achievements and recognitions, involvement in campus, community, professional activities and associations beyond the classroom, and evidence of leadership ability.  

Donor Background:  
Dr. Jane M. Pederson graduated from UW-Eau Claire in 1973 with a B.A. in history, completed her M.A. in 1975, and her Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1986. She joined the faculty at UW-Eau Claire in 1989 and as a history professor, specializing in social history, women's history, and rural U.S. History. Dr. Pederson is the author of "Between Memory and Reality: Family and Community in Rural Wisconsin, 1870-1970". Currently, she is writing another book whose working title is "Gendered Justice in the Rural Midwest 1865-1920" and serving her fourth governor-appointed term on the State Historical Records Board.
Dr. Ronald E. Mickel joined the department of history at the Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire in 1961 when there were only 2,200 students. It was his first full-time faculty position and he remained a member of the department for the rest of his career of forty two years. His specialties included American intellectual and cultural history. Although he loved teaching, he also served as the chair of the history department from 1972 to 1982, as interim dean of graduate studies in 1982-1983, and on many university committees. He was Director of the Honors Program from its inception in 1983 until his retirement in 2003. He has said that running the Honors program was the highpoint of his tenure. He also was the Coordinator of the Network for Excellence in Teaching for 10 years from 1993 to 2003. NET was the predecessor to the current Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL). As a professor emeritus, Dr. Mickel enjoys the freedom to travel, to read what he wishes, and to plan his days as he pleases. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Eau Claire Historic Preservation Foundation, on the Board of Directors for the Chippewa Valley Museum, and on the Board of the Chippewa Valley Museum Foundation. He continues to attend history and honors conferences.

**Application:** History Scholarship Application  
**Financial Need:** Not required  
**Course of Study:** History  
**Program/Activity:** Research  
(awarded by the College of Education and Human Sciences)

**Rakstis Social Studies Scholarship** *(0919)*

One scholarship of $900 is available.

Eligible students must be either social studies teaching majors or education majors minoring in economics, geography, history, political science, or sociology and have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or above. The student must also provide evidence of commitment to their field through active work on projects relating to their degree.

Financial need may be considered.

**Application:** Teacher Education Scholarship Application  
**Financial Need:** Considered, not required  
**Course of Study:** Economics | Geography | History | Social Studies | Sociology |

**Patricia Arts Rinaldi Memorial Scholarship** *(1642)*

One scholarship of $400 is available.

Awarded to an outstanding education major who has graduated from a Wisconsin high school and demonstrated a passion for setting goals and persisting, sometimes through various obstacles, on the path toward reaching a dream. The primary objective of the scholarship is to reward students with great potential and encourage them to continue to strive to succeed.

Students majoring in (broadfield) social studies who meet the initial criteria should receive first consideration.

The recipient shall have financial need.

The scholarship may be renewed if the recipient maintains satisfactory academic progress and continues to demonstrate a passion for education and a desire to succeed.

**Donor Information:**

Patricia Arts Rinaldi was a nontraditional student who returned to college to earn her degree in education after marrying and starting her family. She then taught at Eau Claire Memorial High School for two years before leaving
education to devote the rest of her career to working in partnership with her husband, Emil. This scholarship is a tribute to Patricia's determination & commitment to setting & achieving her life's goals. Mrs. Rinaldi died in 1999.

**Thank You Letter Instructions:** Recipients should write a thank you letter addressed to Emil Rinaldi, her husband, in care of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation.

**Application:** Teacher Education Scholarship Application  
**Financial Need:** Required  
**Course of Study:** Elementary Education | Secondary Education | Social Studies | Special Education

### Elmer Winters Award for Excellence in Social Studies Education (0878)

Two scholarships of $250 are available.

This award recognizes students who have demonstrated potential for teaching excellence in the social studies disciplines. Eligible students must have completed ES 356 Teaching Social Studies in Grades 6-12 in the calendar year preceding the award.

**Thank You Letter Instructions:** Recipients should write a thank you letter addressed to Dr. Elmer Winters in care of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation.

**Application:** No Application Required  
**Financial Need:** Not required  
**Course of Study:** Social Studies

### Other scholarships awarded to history students: (no application required)

#### Edward B. Blackorby Fund (0069)

One scholarship of $200 is available.

The Edward B. Blackorby Book Award for academic excellence in history is awarded to an outstanding history major based on the following criteria: overall GPA; history GPA; performance in the required historiography courses and recommendations from history faculty.

**Application:** No Application Required  
**Financial Need:** Not required  
**Course of Study:** History

#### Miller Prize for Outstanding History Papers (1820)

Two scholarships of $300 are available.

Awarded each semester to an outstanding senior thesis by a history student. Typically, the paper will have been produced in the department Senior Seminar (HIST 489) and will be a traditional research paper by a single author of no fewer than 30 pages long, using standard scholarly apparatus, and based on primary sources.

**Scholarship Background:**

Dr. Thomas Miller created the Miller Prize to give recognition to the student in the senior thesis class who has the best paper each semester. Dr. Miller, who joined the history department in 1967, served the university for 40 years before retiring in 2007. In addition to teaching, Dr. Miller served as associate vice chancellor and interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. As a professor, Dr. Miller often taught the thesis class.
College of Arts & Science scholarships applicable for History/Social Studies students:

**Leslie D. Polk Scholarship** (0190)
A variable number of scholarships up to $700 are available.

For a continuing student majoring in one of the liberal arts, with preference given to communication and journalism majors. Qualifying majors include: art and design, music and theatre, communication and journalism, philosophy and religious studies, English, languages, history, American Indian studies, women's studies, Latin American studies, or liberal studies. The student must have demonstrated service and leadership on campus and/or in the community and show promise as a future community leader.

**Application**: Communication & Journalism Scholarship Application  
**Financial Need**: Not required  
**Course of Study**: American Indian Studies | Art & Design | Communication | English | French | German History | Journalism | Languages | Latin American Studies | Music | Philosophy | Religious Studies | Spanish Theatre Arts | Women's Studies |

**Taminiau-Warloski Memorial Scholarship** (1064)
One scholarship of $1,000 is available.

Awarded a sophomore or above majoring in history, art, or jazz studies to recognize, encourage and reward students who have demonstrated a broad cultural perspective beyond their chosen major. Students who have combined such an outlook with a record of community service and strong ethical standards are favored for the award. In selecting the recipient, emphasis is to be placed on the qualities of character and commitment to the humanities rather than on GPA or other criteria.

**Donor Background:**
Dr. Ronald Warloski taught in the history department from 1964-1998, and was chair from 1991-97. Not satisfied with using the classroom merely to impart knowledge, he continually explored ways to prod his students to think critically and assume responsibility for the moral implications of their judgments. He was especially known for his popular class on Nazi Germany.

Ronald's wife, Johanna, is the daughter of Jan and Maria Taminiau, for whom the scholarship was originally established. Jan and Maria lived in the Netherlands, where Jan was a well-known businessman. Jan had a life-long interest in history, read across a broad area of interests, and visited many historical and archeological sites while traveling. Maria studied art as a young woman and continued to be interested in art and music her entire life.

Both Jan and Maria had a strong value system in which religion was important, and they encouraged community involvement and civic responsibility in others. When they visited UW-Eau Claire, they most appreciated its emphasis on the liberal arts, particularly the humanities.
Application: History Scholarship Application (be sure to complete the optional College of Arts & Sciences section to apply for this award)
Financial Need: Not required
Course of Study: Art & Design | History | Music - Instrumental

Louis Warzecha Memorial Scholarship (2063)
One scholarship of $1,000 is available.
Available to either a history or philosophy major. This is a merit-based scholarship for which the recipient should have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and demonstrate active engagement in curricular and co-curricular activities.

Application: History Scholarship Application (be sure to complete the optional College of Arts & Sciences section to apply for this award)
Financial Need: Not required
Course of Study: History | Philosophy

For NEW, incoming first-year students:

Herbert and Eleanor Sack Memorial Scholarship (0179)
One scholarship of $1,000 is available.
Awarded to a worthy incoming freshman for the coming academic year who has declared a major in history. Priority will be given to those students who rank high in their graduating class and have demonstrated scholastic ability through high ACT or SAT scores.
If no appropriate freshman student is identified, the award may be offered to a continuing history major.

Application: Admissions Scholarship Application
Financial Need: Not required
Course of Study: History
Student Status: New Students