



ENGLISH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility requirements for 2009-2010 Department of English Scholarships are as follows:

- declared major in English
- minimum 3.65 University of Texas at Austin grade point average
- 60 *completed* credit hours, including 45 hours in residence
- 12 *completed* credit hours in English or Rhetoric & Writing, including 6 hours in residence
- undergraduate standing (no baccalaureate degree conferred prior to May, 2010)
- recipients must be enrolled full-time at the University of Texas at Austin for the current semester and for the 2009-2010 academic year

INSTRUCTIONS

To apply, submit the following to Parlin 114 no later than **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2009**:

- application form (this page)
- essay (see next page)
- honors and activities summary (see next page)
- English faculty recommendation form (attached)

Some Department of English Scholarships allow for financial need to be considered in the selection process. Students wishing to demonstrate financial need should submit a copy of their 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

- FAFSA (optional)

NOTIFICATION

Department of English Scholarship recipients will be notified by e-mail no later than Friday, May 1, 2009. Scholarship payments will be distributed at the beginning of the fall, 2009, semester and/or the beginning of the spring, 2010, semester. Amounts and other details will be included in your award notification.

INFORMATION & AUTHORIZATION

Name: _____ EID: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Faculty recommender: _____ Expected date of graduation: _____

I authorize the English Scholarship Selection Committee to review my UT-Austin academic record.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ESSAY

Submit a one page (double-spaced) essay on the following topic:

Discuss the contradictions or paradoxes of your academic career and the ways in which these experiences have affected your plans for the future.

HONORS & ACTIVITIES

Please provide a summary of your honors and activities, including the following:

- previous scholarships or fellowships
- research
- honors programs
- honor societies or awards
- student organizations
- offices held or other leadership
- volunteer activities
- internships
- other relevant scholarship, leadership, or service achievements

Include a brief description of each item, as well as dates. Do not include high school accomplishments. A sample "honors and activities" account is below.

Accomplishment	Description	Dates
Nick Carraway Memorial Scholarship	Awarded by the Long Island Chapter of Texas Exes to a UT-Austin freshman. Upon receiving the award, the chapter president remarked, "The Eyes of Texas and of T.J. Eckleburg are upon you."	2/07
Member, Campus Bokononists	Strives to promote beliefs that will lead to a happy life for all UT students, faculty, and staff.	9/06-5/07
Founder & Member, UT Objectivism Society	Parted ways with the Bokononists in order to help form the Objectivism Society. Also devoted to promoting happiness, but the approach is rather different.	9/07-present
President, UT Objectivism Society	Elected office. Led organization of 25 students in various activities and discussions. Created and administered first UT Objectivism Conference, which attracted over 100 participants.	9/08-present
Performer, <i>The Merchant of Venice</i>	Played Shylock in this summer UT student production. Also served as de facto production treasurer, managing a budget of \$5,000.	6/07-8/07
Research Apprentice	Assisted Professor Charles Kaufman in investigating the literary roots of postmodern hijinks in contemporary American and European cinema.	1/07-12/07
Prospective Member, Pi Upsilon Nu	Tapped for membership in this literary honor society, known as the Algonquin Round Table of UT	1/09
1 st Place, Zuckerman Writing Contest	Was awarded first prize, out of 200 entries, in fiction writing for my short story, "Nate, Phil, and Me."	10/08
Volunteer, O. Henry Middle School	Served as reading tutor to at-risk students. Worked approximately 3 hours per week during the fall and spring semesters (no summers).	9/06-present

FACULTY RECOMMENDATION

Please provide the attached form to a Department of English instructor who is familiar with your scholarship and willing to serve as a reference. The instructor will return the form to the selection committee.



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STUDENT WAIVER

Complete this portion of the form prior to meeting with your English professor.

Applicant's Name & E-mail: _____

Faculty Name & E-mail: _____

I hereby waive my right of access to the material recorded below and/or attached:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

FACULTY EVALUATION

The English Scholarship Selection Committee seeks to honor our most deserving students for academic achievement. Please evaluate this student on the criteria below.

	Superior (Top 1%)	Noteworthy (Top 5%)	Excellent (Top 10%)	Very Good (Top 25%)	Good (Top 50%)
Intellect					
Class Preparation					
Class Participation					
Work Ethic & Initiative					
Overall Performance					

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters of recommendation are not required for English scholarships. If this student were to be nominated by the department for other honors, though, would you be willing to provide a letter of recommendation?

How favorable would this hypothetical letter be?

- A. glowing B. enthusiastic C. admiring D. supportive E. polite

SIGNATURE

Faculty Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brad Humphries in the English Advising Office (471-9928, jbh@mail.utexas.edu). Please return this form to the address below by Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

English Scholarship Selection Committee
c/o Brad Humphries, PAR 120
Campus mail code: B5000