

# THE BEINECKE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A PROGRAM OF THE SPERRY FUND

## ***2021-22 PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT***

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS:**

**5pm EST February 09, 2022**

### **Purpose**

The Beinecke Scholarship Program was established in 1971 by the Board of Directors of The Sperry and Hutchinson Company to honor Edwin, Frederick, and Walter Beinecke. The Board created an endowment to provide substantial scholarships for the graduate education of young people of exceptional promise.

*The program seeks to encourage and enable highly motivated students to pursue opportunities available to them and to be courageous in the selection of a graduated course of study in the arts, humanities, and social sciences.*

Since 1975, the program has selected 680 college juniors from more than 110 different undergraduate institutions for support during graduate study at any accredited university. Each scholar receives \$4,000 immediately prior to entering graduate school and an additional \$30,000 while attending graduate school. There are no geographic restrictions on the use of the scholarship and recipients are allowed to supplement the award with other scholarships, assistantships, and research grants. Scholars are encouraged to begin their graduate studies as soon as possible following graduation from college and must utilize all of the funding within five years of completion of undergraduate studies.

### **Nomination Procedure**

Each year, approximately 135 colleges and universities are invited to nominate a student for a Beinecke Scholarship and up to 20 new scholarships will be awarded. A complete nomination package, with all of the required documents scanned into a single PDF file, must be submitted by **February 09, 2022**. Winners will be selected by a committee comprised of the Program Director and alumni of the Beinecke Scholarship Program.

### **Nomination Schedule**

**August 30, 2021**—Program Director sends instructions for submitting nominations online to Participating Institutions.

**February 09, 2022**—Deadline for receipt of all nominations.

**May 01, 2022**—Deadline for announcement of awards.

### **Conditions Of Eligibility**

To be eligible for a Beinecke Scholarship, a student must:

- Demonstrate superior standards of intellectual ability, scholastic achievement, and personal promise during their undergraduate career.
- Be a college junior pursuing a bachelor's degree during the 2021-2022 academic year. "Junior" means a student who plans to continue full-time undergraduate study and who expects to receive a baccalaureate degree between December 2022 and August 2023.
- Plan to enter a **research- or creative-focused master's or doctoral program in the arts, humanities or social sciences**. Students in the social sciences who plan to pursue graduate study in neuroscience should not apply for a Beinecke Scholarship.
- Be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- Have a documented history of receiving need-based financial aid during their undergraduate years, with a preference for Pell Grant recipients. Other evidence of meeting this criterion is a student's history of receiving need-based institutional, state, or federal grants-in-aid. **The nominated student will be required to complete and submit a Financial Aid Data Sheet outlining how the student meets this criterion.** During the selection process, the amount of financial need will be one of the factors considered with preference given to candidates for whom the awarding of a Beinecke Scholarship would significantly increase the likelihood of the student's being able to attend graduate school.

## Nomination Materials

Nomination materials must be scanned into a single PDF and emailed to the Program Director no later than **5pm EST February 09, 2022.**

- A completed Certification of Eligibility Form.\*
- A completed Application Form.\*
- A current resume or C.V.
- A statement of 1,000 words or less from the nominee devoted to describing their research or creative interests for graduate study and career aspirations beyond these studies. It should also include a discussion of the most relevant academic, professional, extracurricular, and personal experiences that have influenced or shaped the nominee's interests and plans.
- A letter from the Dean or administrative officer summarizing the reasons for the nominee's selection.
- Three letters of recommendation from faculty that assess the nominee's intellectual curiosity, character, and potential for advanced graduate study.
- An unofficial copy of the nominee's transcript. (Successful applicants will later be asked to submit an official transcript.)
- Candidates who wish to pursue an MFA degree must submit an artist's supplement of up to five pages of original work.
- **The nominated student must also complete, sign, and submit by email a Financial Aid Data Sheet\* to the Program Director no later than 5pm EST on February 09, 2022.**

\* Available online at [www.BeineckeScholarship.org](http://www.BeineckeScholarship.org)

## Scholarship Conditions

A Beinecke Scholar receives a total of \$34,000 in support of their graduate education. \$4,000 is awarded directly to

the student prior to entering graduate school. This award is intended to offset the costs associated with the graduate application process and travel expenses related to the start of graduate school. While in graduate school, Scholars receive an additional \$30,000 in support. These funds are awarded as a supplement to support provided by the graduate school. The award is spread over up to five years to comply with institutional limits on the total amount of a student's annual award. In the absence of institutional support or limits, Scholars may receive a maximum award of \$15,000 per year. These funds are sent directly to the institution where the student is enrolled and disbursed in accordance with the scholarship policy of the institution. In addition, the following policies apply to the award:

- Scholars must attend an accredited graduate school as a full-time student in good academic standing in order to receive funding.
- Scholars must utilize all funding within five years of graduation.
- Scholars may take a one-year leave of absence immediately following graduation but are expected to enter graduate school and begin receipt of Beinecke funding in the following year.
- Scholars who receive NSF, Ford, Rhodes, Gates, or similar scholarships are allowed to postpone receipt of the Beinecke award until the Scholar has completed those programs. However, Scholars are still expected to utilize Beinecke funding within the five-year period following graduation.
- Scholars who are unsuccessful in gaining admission to graduate school may petition the Program Director for permission to defer funding for an additional year.
- Nominees who are selected and choose to receive the Truman Scholarship cannot also accept the Beinecke Scholarship.

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