

THE HOWELL AND ELIZABETH GWIN SCHOLARSHIPS

MSU ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

In 1982, the Gwin family established the Howell H. Gwin Scholarships, in memory of Professor Gwin, a distinguished member of the English faculty for the previous twenty-five years. Beginning in 1989, Mrs. Elizabeth Gwin endowed the Gwin Scholarships.

The Gwin Scholarships support first-year English graduate students and juniors or seniors majoring in English.

Graduate Scholarships:

The Gwin Endowment typically allows the Department of English to award up to two scholarships, one for \$1000 and the second for \$500. Both are non-renewable. Beginning graduate students are eligible for this competition.

Undergraduate Scholarships:

One or more non-renewable \$500 scholarships may be awarded to junior or senior students.

How to apply for an UNDERGRADUATE Gwin scholarship:

To apply for a Gwin Scholarship, please log on to Banner and, under the Financial Aid and Scholarships column, click "Submit/Revise General Scholarship Applications." Fill out the general application, and then apply for the Gwin. The on-line system should ask you for two letters of recommendation, so when two instructors have agreed to write on your behalf, put their names and e-mail addresses on your application. The system will send your instructors e-mails inviting them to submit their letters on-line. Once you have applied through the on-line system, please notify Dr. Little (littmatt@ra.msstate.edu) that you have done so.

In addition, you will need to fill out the English Department's application form, which requests 1) an official transcript from the college(s) which the applicant attended, 2) two critical essays (one of which must be documented) which the applicant has submitted as part of undergraduate course requirements, and 3) three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the applicant's academic performance (i. e., one more letter than the on-line apparatus asks for). Please mail or deliver the application form, the essays, and the transcript(s) to the English Department and ask recommenders to direct their recommendations there.

How to apply for a GRADUATE Gwin Scholarship

Please fill out the English Department's application form, which requests 1) an official transcript from the college(s) which the applicant attended, 2) two critical essays (one of which must be documented) which the applicant has submitted as part of undergraduate course requirements, and 3) three letters of recommendation

from persons familiar with the applicant's academic performance. Please mail or deliver the application form, the essays, and the transcript(s) to the English Department and ask recommenders to direct their recommendations there. Instructions about follow-up formalities through the University's on-line system will appear in the letters notifying winners.

Deadlines:

The deadline for the Gwin Scholarship Committee to receive applications and supporting materials is March 15. Applications and supporting documents must be forwarded to:

Professor Matthew Little, Chair
Gwin Scholarship Committee
Post Office Box E
Mississippi State, MS 39762

Special Note:

Gwin Scholars and their parents are honored each fall at the English Department's Annual Awards Ceremony.

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Date of application: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone (home): _____ (cell): _____

Email: _____

Undergraduate college(s) attended: _____

Undergraduate major: _____ Minor: _____

Undergraduate grade point average: _____

ACT scores (Composite): _____ English: _____

Have you applied for admission to MSU? Yes____ No____

Have you applied to the MSU Office of Student Financial Aid for a grant or loan? Y_ N_

Are you applying for the ____ Graduate or ____ Undergraduate Scholarship?

Please provide the following:

1. An official transcript from the college(s) the applicant has attended.
2. Two critical essays (one of which must be documented) which the applicant submitted for college-level English courses.
3. Three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the applicant's academic performance.*

*Persons providing letters of reference should each send their letter directly to:

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