

# The Mildred Freeman Shurlds English Annual Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed by Mr. Maury Shurlds in honor of his wife, who graduated from Mississippi State University and had a career as a teacher in the Mississippi public schools.

## **The Shurlds Scholarship**

This scholarship provides \$1000.00 toward a student's tuition (\$500.00 per semester).

## **When to apply:**

Applications are due March 1 for scholarships awarded for the following academic year (August-May).

## **Who may apply:**

Applicants must be full-time MSU students and English majors, have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0, have earned a score of 25 or higher on the ACT (or the equivalent on the SAT), and have demonstrated financial need.

## **How to apply:**

To apply for the Mildred Freeman Shurlds English Annual Scholarship, please log into Banner and, under the Financial Aid and Scholarships column, click "Submit/Revise General Scholarship Application." Fill out the general application, and then apply for the Skelton Scholarship specifically.

In addition to information required from all scholarship applicants, the system will ask you for two more things that are necessary to be considered for the Shurlds Scholarship:

1. Two letters of recommendation. Ask two instructors whether they are willing to recommend you—recommendations from any instructors are welcome, but do consider asking instructors from English courses. Once you have their permission, put their names and email addresses in your application, and the system will send your instructors emails inviting them to submit their letters on-line. *The same instructors may recommend you for multiple scholarships.*
2. An essay of approximately 500 words that demonstrates your engagement with your major by describing in detail your work in one or more of your English courses. Your essay may address multiple elements of your work (such as reading, analysis, writing, research), or it may focus on whichever element you have found most stimulating and rewarding.  
(The same essay may also be used in your application for the English Department's Andrews, Dabbs, and Skelton Scholarships.)

## **If you have questions:**

Please feel free to contact Dr. Kelly Marsh at [kmarsh@english.msstate.edu](mailto:kmarsh@english.msstate.edu) if you have any questions about applying for the Shurlds Scholarship.