

The Helen W. Skelton Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed by the family of Helen Wilkerson Skelton, who earned her Master of Arts degree in English at Mississippi State University and taught in this department during her time here.

The Skelton 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, be of good moral character and have demonstrated leadership ability. All else being equal, preference is given to applicants from the state of Mississippi.

How to apply:

To apply for the Helen W. Skelton Endowed 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 Skelton 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 Shurlds Scholarships.)

If you have questions:

Please feel free to contact Dr. Kelly Marsh at kmarsh@english.msstate.edu if you have any questions about applying for the Skelton Scholarship.