

Announcement: PICC Faculty Honors Scholarship, 2016-2017 Academic Year

Award Amount: \$5,000 (\$2,500 per semester)

Deadline for Applications: Sept. 5, 2016

The Purdue Institute for Civic Communication (PICC) is accepting applications from undergraduate Purdue college students for an academic year merit scholarship. Three individual scholarships will be made in honor of the dedication and contributions to undergraduate education and the mission of PICC by the following faculty:

- Barbara Hart Dixon, Professor and Associate Head, Department of English
- Glenn Sparks, Professor, Brian Lamb School of Communication
- Bert Rockman, Professor (*retired*), Department of Political Science

Application for these merit scholarships is open to students of any major at Purdue University. The scholarships are not restricted by citizenship or residency. The successful applicant will have a plan to give back to her/his community and explain how this plan will promote his/her academic and professional development, particularly in the academic fields of the faculty honorees.

Eligibility:

- GPA: at least 2.3 overall
- Class Standing: at least Junior standing by Fall 2016
- Membership: Must be or apply to be a PICC student member and complete membership requirements by the end of the Fall 2016 academic semester. To be a member, students must complete an online application and commit to membership prior to the start of the award period. For more information about membership requirements, please see our website at: <http://www.piccstudents.org/membership.html>

To Apply:

Fill out the online application at (https://purdue.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2ohSaZHhKVEj1vD) and upload:

- Copy of Academic Transcripts (unofficial copies are acceptable)
- Professional Resume
- Essay on how the applicant plans to give back to the community (limit: 500 words)
- Submit at least one letter of recommendation from a professional or faculty contact to PICC at picc@purdue.edu

Award Requirements:

- Sign and adhere to the PICC Integrity Pledge
- Remain in good standing academically and in all other aspects with Purdue University
- Attend at least 5 membership meetings per semester
- Volunteer for one event/forum per semester
- Attend all official PICC events during the academic year
- Provide a bio and professional photograph for the PICC website
- Complete an exit interview with Ambassador Curiel and Dr. Cahill at the end of each semester

Selected merit scholars will receive the award (\$2,500) at the conclusion of each semester, provided that the applicant completed all award requirements.

The Purdue Institute for Civic Communication (PICC) is a nonpartisan, university-wide initiative for applied and experiential learning at Purdue University, founded and directed by Ambassador Carolyn Curiel, a former journalist, senior White House speechwriter, and United States diplomat. The Institute is made possible by the Daniels Fund and a partnership with C-SPAN, the Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network.

The PICC offers undergraduate students from any discipline the opportunity to become better citizens and informed contributors to democracy. In classes and activities, students experience and explore the American system, interacting with leaders in public service, journalism, industry and advocacy, at Purdue and in Washington, DC.

PICC students enjoy scholastic benefits including innovative classes, internships and competitive merit scholarships. Emphasis is placed on honing the critical thinking skills of students from across disciplines and helping them to translate complex knowledge into communication that is accessible to the larger public.