Welcome to the National Scholarship Program

The Central Michigan University National Scholarship Program assists top academic students competing for prestigious annual awards, including the Boren, Fulbright, Gates Cambridge, Goldwater, Jack Kent Cooke, Madison, Marshall, Rhodes, Truman, and Udall scholarships and fellowships.

National Scholarship Program staff work closely with CMU faculty to identify prospective, highly-qualified students and will assist potential candidates throughout the application process to address guidelines, develop ideas, and write and submit the application.

For more information

To find out more about the National Scholarship Program and the scholarships and fellowships it supports, visit our website at cmich.edu and search on the keywords National Scholarship Program.

The National Scholarship Program is a service of the University Honors Office. It serves CMU students, staff, faculty, and alumni. For information about services available, contact:

Phame Camarena, PhD
Director, University Honors and National Scholarship Program
(989) 774-3902
phame.camarena@cmich.edu
Marshall Scholarship
Marshall Scholarships support top U.S. students in any field to study at the graduate level at a United Kingdom institution. Marshall Scholars are expected to become leaders in their disciplines and to strengthen the "unique relationship" that exists between the U.S. and the U.K. 
http://www.marshallscholarship.org

Goldwater Scholarship
Goldwater Scholarships are designed to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, and engineering. The purpose of the Goldwater Scholarship Foundation is to provide a continual source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians, and engineers by awarding scholarships to college sophomores and juniors who intend to pursue careers in these fields. 
www.act.org/goldwater

Rhodes Scholarship
Rhodes Scholarships are designed to bring academically outstanding college seniors and graduates who display high character and energy to study at the University of Oxford. Evidence of these credentials may be reflected in athletic accomplishments or other significant extra-curricular activities. 
www.rhodesscholar.org

Truman Scholarship
Truman Scholarships provide funding to students pursuing graduate degrees in public service fields. Students must be college juniors at the time of selection. The Truman Foundation also provides assistance with career counseling, internship placement, graduate school admissions, and professional development. 
www.truman.gov

Udall Scholarship
Udall Foundation Scholarships are designed to support college sophomores and juniors committed to careers related to the environment, tribal public policy, or Native American issues. 
www.udall.gov

What does it take to compete for national or international scholarships and fellowships?

- Exceptional academic ability
- Endorsement from CMU faculty and the National Scholarship Committee
- Strong record of campus leadership and community service
- Excellent writing skills
- Outstanding letters of recommendation from faculty
- Strong desire to change the world

Major Scholarships and Fellowships

Boren Scholarship and Fellowship
Boren Scholarships and Fellowships provide support to U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to study languages and cultures in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests. 
http://www.borenawards.org/

Fulbright Program
The Fulbright Program is the largest U.S. international exchange program offering opportunities for students, scholars, and professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools worldwide. The program is designed to "increase mutual understanding between people of the U.S. and people of other countries." 
http://us.fulbrightonline.org

Gates Cambridge Scholarship
Gates Cambridge Scholarships are for graduate study and research in any subject available at the University of Cambridge. Scholarships are awarded on the following criteria: intellectual ability, leadership capacity, a good fit with Cambridge, and a commitment to improving the lives of others. 
http://www.gatesscholar.org

Goldwater Scholarship
Goldwater Scholarships are designed to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, and engineering. The purpose of the Goldwater Scholarship Foundation is to provide a continual source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians, and engineers by awarding scholarships to college sophomores and juniors who intend to pursue careers in these fields. 
www.act.org/goldwater

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship
Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship awards are designed to encourage and support outstanding college seniors and graduates who have a breadth of interests, work hard, demonstrate a strong will to succeed, and have financial need. 
www.jkcf.org

Madison Fellowship
Madison Fellowships are offered to teachers and college students desiring to become outstanding teachers of the American Constitution. The scholarship provides support for graduate study that focuses on the Constitution, its history and contemporary relevance to the practices and policies of democratic government. Recipients have a unique opportunity to strengthen their research, writing, and analytical skills, and, in the process, form professional ties that can significantly influence their careers. 
www.jamesmadison.com

Marshall Scholarship
Marshall Scholarships support top U.S. students in any field to study at the graduate level at a United Kingdom institution. Marshall Scholars are expected to become leaders in their disciplines and to strengthen the "unique relationship" that exists between the U.S. and the U.K. 
http://www.marshallscholarship.org

Rhodes Scholarship
Rhodes Scholarships are designed to bring academically outstanding college seniors and graduates who display high character and energy to study at the University of Oxford. Evidence of these credentials may be reflected in athletic accomplishments or other significant extra-curricular activities. 
www.rhodesscholar.org

Truman Scholarship
Truman Scholarships provide funding to students pursuing graduate degrees in public service fields. Students must be college juniors at the time of selection. The Truman Foundation also provides assistance with career counseling, internship placement, graduate school admissions, and professional development. 
www.truman.gov

Udall Scholarship
Udall Foundation Scholarships are designed to support college sophomores and juniors committed to careers related to the environment, tribal public policy, or Native American issues. 
www.udall.gov

Prestigious and highly competitive awards

National and international scholarships and fellowships are highly competitive. While CMU’s National Scholarship Program will assist candidates throughout the application process, applicants will need to devote significant time and energy to applying and preparing for these competitions. The process and result can be a life-changing experience.