South Carolina Humanities
Student Scholarship Guidelines

South Carolina Humanities seeks to encourage students to explore humanities fields as they pursue their academic careers. The humanities invite us to enrich our minds. They foster the development of cultural understanding, diverse perspectives, and appreciation for our shared past. The humanities lift our spirits and foster engagement in our communities and the world.

Scholarships for Undergraduate and Graduate Students

Undergraduate Students: Scholarships are available and awarded on a competitive basis to undergraduate college or university students who have declared a major in a humanities discipline and are in their sophomore year and are rising juniors at the time of application or in their junior year at the time of application at an accredited university or college in the State of South Carolina. Eligible sophomores/juniors must have at least a year of undergraduate work to complete before graduation. Verification of registration and enrollment (Enrollment Verification Form) will be required prior to the allocation of the $1,500 scholarship funds.

Undergraduate Student Scholarship applications are due **November 4, 2022.**

Graduate Students: Students who are enrolled in a Master's degree program in a humanities discipline or college or university seniors who have been accepted to a Master's degree program with a major in a humanities discipline and will begin coursework in the following academic semester may apply. Graduate students may use funding for the first semester of graduate work in a master's program or any semester of their Master's program. Enrolled master's degree students should request a graduate faculty mentor/adviser to write the letter of recommendation. An undergraduate faculty mentor/advisor may write the required letter of recommendation if the student is a college or university senior at the time of application; however, a graduate faculty mentor/advisor will need to be identified if a scholarship is awarded. Verification of registration and enrollment (Enrollment Verification Form) in the graduate program will be required prior to the allocation of the $2,000 scholarship funds.

Graduate Student Scholarship applications are due **March 10, 2023.**

Humanities disciplines
Majors may be in the following humanities disciplines: history, philosophy, ethics, literature, linguistics, languages, jurisprudence, cultural anthropology, archaeology, comparative religions, art history, art criticism, folklore, or an interdisciplinary major (such as American Studies or Cultural Studies).

What does a Student Scholarship fund?
Scholarships are paid in a lump sum as a stipend to the student. A scholarship recipient may utilize the funds toward tuition; the purchase of books, research materials, specialty software, or supplies; travel for research or presentations; or other purposes in the pursuit of a humanities major, as determined by consultation with the faculty mentor/advisor. **The student will discuss the use of funds in the Final Report.**

Who is eligible for an <u>Undergraduate</u> Student Scholarship from SC Humanities?
Any currently registered undergraduate student must meet the following criteria:
(1) Be sophomores who are rising juniors or be in their junior year. (Rising seniors may use the scholarship during the senior year.)
(2) Have **officially** declared a humanities major
(3) Be in good academic standing at a regionally accredited South Carolina college or university.

Who is eligible for a <u>Graduate</u> Student Scholarship from SC Humanities?
Any currently registered graduate student must meet the following criteria:
(1) Be enrolled in a Master's degree program OR be an undergraduate student who is going to graduate school **full-time** in the following term
(2) Be in pursuit of a master's degree in a humanities discipline
(3) Be in good academic standing at a regionally accredited South Carolina College or University OR be a South Carolina resident with a permanent legal address who is enrolled in an out-of-state master's degree program in a humanities discipline. Priority will be given to students pursuing graduate degrees in South Carolina.

Do I need to provide official transcripts?
A current Official or Unofficial Transcript is required for both the undergraduate and graduate applications. We also require a completed Enrollment Verification Form that has been signed and stamped by the Registrar.
Note: the graduate scholarship recipients will be required to submit an official transcript of their completed undergraduate coursework after their college/university graduation and prior to the awarding of funding.

What is the role of the faculty mentor/advisor?
The faculty mentor/advisor may provide guidance for the application process and will write a letter of recommendation that describes why the applicant deserves a SC Humanities Student Scholarship. The faculty mentor/advisor should teach in a humanities discipline and have knowledge of the applicant's abilities in the discipline. He/she will advise the student on appropriate use of the funds awarded by SC Humanities and will submit to SC Humanities at least one update on the applicant's progress toward completion of the major/degree during the period of the award. The faculty mentor/advisor will review the final report before the student submits it to SC Humanities.

How many scholarships are awarded each year?
SC Humanities is a nonprofit organization that relies on fundraising for programming, so the number of scholarships may fluctuate annually. The number of available scholarships will be posted on our website each year.

When should I submit the application?
Submit your application to SC Humanities no later than the deadline listed. SC Humanities staff are happy to review draft applications prior to the deadline and make suggestions on how the application might be strengthened before the committee reviews it.

What supporting material must I include with my <u>undergraduate</u> application?
With the completed application, attach the following:

- An abbreviated curriculum vitae or resume (two pages maximum)
- A writing sample of approximately 500-1,000 words
- A recommendation letter from the faculty mentor/advisor that describes why the applicant deserves a SC Humanities Student Scholarship
- The Enrollment Verification Form (For sophomores at a two-year college, this should be submitted after start of junior year begins.)
- A current Official or Unofficial Transcript

What supporting material must I include with my <u>graduate</u> application?
With the completed application, attach the following:

- An abbreviated curriculum vitae or resume (two pages maximum)
- A writing sample of approximately 750-1,250 words
- A recommendation letter from a faculty member/advisor that describes why the applicant deserves a SC Humanities Student Scholarship
- The Enrollment Verification Form (This should be submitted after start of the first graduate term.)
- A current Unofficial Transcript if graduation has not yet occurred. Note: An Official Transcript is required upon graduation from the undergraduate program and prior to the awarding of funding.

Budget:
Explain how you will allocate the funds. For instance, you may want to use the funds toward tuition at your college or university; for the costs of books, research materials, specialty software, or supplies; travel to do research or presentations; or for other purposes as advised by the faculty mentor/advisor. There are limits to the amount one can use for travel. SC Humanities will only cover $100 per night for lodging, coach rate airfare, and $.505 per mile if traveling by car. The maximum SC Humanities per diem for meals is $40 per day.

If I receive an <u>undergraduate</u> student scholarship, what else is required?
A month before the end of the award period, the recipient will submit a Final Report to SC Humanities that has been reviewed by the faculty mentor/advisor. The document will be 1-3 pages in length and will include (1) a reflection on the value of this scholarship as it was applied toward study of the humanities and (2) a record of expenses. Additional materials, such as copies of research papers, senior theses, videos, PowerPoint presentations, poster presentations, etc. may be attached, but this is not required. However, if these are provided and the product is exemplary, we may seek the student's permission to publish them on our website.

If I receive a <u>graduate</u> student scholarship, what else is required?
Two weeks before the end of the award period, the recipient will submit a Final Report to SC Humanities that has reviewed by the **graduate** faculty mentor/advisor. The report will include (1) a record of expenses and (2) a copy of a graduate course product. This can be in the form of a research paper, video, PowerPoint presentation, or another format as required by the graduate faculty member for the course. If the product is exemplary, we may seek the graduate student's permission to publish it on our website.