Gatewood Scholarship for Local/Regional Internships
Political Science Department

This scholarship has been established to help Political Science majors develop their professional skills and build their resumes through a local/regional internship experience. These will likely be in the Wichita area, but might also be arranged in Topeka, Kansas City, Chicago, or other city. (Separate department funding is used for the DC internship program).

Requirements for applicants:
• Political Science major
• 2.5 or better GPA
• Completion of 24 credit hours
• An unpaid internship that broadly provides experience in the area of political science, politics or public service.

Students are expected to identify and secure their own internship based on their interests.

Optional:
• Students do NOT have to enroll in a course in order to receive this scholarship. However, students do have the option to enroll in POLS 490 Internship for credit (1 or 3 hours) on a graded basis;
  Or to make arrangements through the Career Development Center to take POLS 481 Cooperative Education (0, 1, or 3 hours) on a credit/no-credit (non-graded) basis.
• In order to take POLS 490 or 481, electronic permission is needed from the department and a faculty member must agree to serve as mentor.
• 1 credit hour - requires 8 hours of work a week, keeping a weekly journal, and writing a final reflection paper at the end of the semester.
• 3 credit hours - requires 15 hours of work a week, keeping a weekly journal, writing a final reflection paper at the end of the semester, and completing a 15 page research paper on an issue linked to the work the student has done in the internship.

The scholarship will be awarded in two payments. One at the beginning of the term and one at the end upon confirmation with the supervisor that the work was complete. The funding will be processed by the Financial Aid office and will be applied to your university fees. The scholarship is designed to pay for up to 50 hours of work at a rate of $10/hr. You should let your supervisor know that you plan to complete 50 hours of work and keep them informed about how many hours you are putting in. If you choose to work more than 50 hours total, you will be not paid an additional amount from the fund.

This scholarship is renewable for one additional semester only.
This form should be completed in full and submitted to the Department Chair

Name: ________________________________ MyWSU #: __________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________ Email: ______________________________________________________________________

Name of Prospective Employer/Company: ______________________________________________________________________

Name of Supervisor / Office contact: ______________________________________________________________________

Supervisor’s Phone #: ____________________ email: ______________________________________________________________________

Only if taking POLS 481 or POLS 490 for credit:

Faculty Sponsor: ______________________________________________________________________

Brief description of the company/ association for which you plan to work:

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Briefly describe your expected work responsibilities as an intern:

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I affirm that the above information is accurate and that this internship opportunity in an unpaid experience.

_________________________________________ Date

Student Signature

For office use only:

Amount approved: ___________ Funding Source: ____________________________ Approver/date: ________________