Purdue University Fort Wayne’s full-ride merit scholarship program

YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE
The Summit Scholars Program is a bold and innovative initiative that provides students with a rigorous and personalized education, intensified by exceptional leadership and service opportunities.

Summit Scholars are highly accomplished. They are tomorrow’s composers, engineers, philanthropists, business leaders, attorneys, politicians, and educators.

Exceptional Purdue University Fort Wayne freshman applicants are invited to compete for the university’s most prestigious full-ride awards: the Chapman and Doermer Distinguished Scholarships.

These competitive, merit-based scholarships, available to current high school seniors, offer full tuition, housing, textbooks, a stipend for food, and fees paid for up to four years.

All Summit Scholarships are awarded based on a holistic review of applicant information and competition performance. The same core eligibility criteria are used for all scholarships.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

» Current high school senior set to complete Core 40 Diploma requirements or other college-prep curriculum

» Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and 1380 SAT or 29 ACT; or 1470 SAT or 32 ACT with no consideration of GPA

» Submission of a completed application to Purdue Fort Wayne by December 1

» Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (fafsa.ed.gov, school code 001828)

» Participation in the Summit Scholars Competition on February 15

RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

» Be enrolled full-time during the fall and spring semesters (summer enrollment is optional)

» Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher

» Meet program expectations

» Reside in on-campus housing

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BRANDON BLUMENHERST
Chapman Scholar
Entering Class of 2017

“Due to the generosity of the Chapmans, I can direct my focus to my studies and my community involvement rather than worrying about finances. I’ve managed and advised political campaigns, hosted on-campus events related to politics, and written two opinion editorials that were published in the Journal Gazette. The Chapmans have given me the opportunity to create change locally in order to build a future I believe in.”
The Summit Scholars Program administers these full-ride scholarships. Both awards offer full tuition, housing, textbooks, a stipend for food, and fees paid for up to four years. Everyone who competes at the Summit Scholars Competition is eligible for the Chapman Scholarship. Depending on your major, you may be eligible to compete for the Doermer Distinguished Scholarship as well.

**CHAPMAN SCHOLARSHIP**

**OPEN TO ALL ACADEMIC MAJORS**

**Added values**

- Individualized mentorship with strong promotion of experiential learning, leadership development, and civic-engagement opportunities
- Capstone: senior-level, service-based project facilitated by faculty mentors
- Support of two faculty fellows throughout four-year academic career
- Multiple travel experiences to Chicago and other cities
- Friendship and support from your cohort of five Chapman Scholars

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**DOERMER DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP**

**OPEN TO BUSINESS MAJORS**

**Added values**

- Faculty mentor and a mentor in the business community who encourage participation in networking opportunities and real-world business experiences
- Opportunity for all-expenses-paid international travel in connection with a business course
- Capstone: complete a senior-level, community-based project

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*The Doermer Distinguished Scholarship provides opportunities to interact with business professionals and build relationships to help start a career. It’s also given me the support and confidence to be a part of events that are bigger than just the business school, and impact the university and community.*

**CAROLINE LANDRIGAN**  
Doermer Distinguished Scholar  
Entering Class of 2017
EXPERIENCE EVERYTHING

BECOME ANYTHING

As a Mastodon, you’ll turn your potential into reality, and as part of the esteemed Purdue University system, you’ll earn a degree from one of the most trusted brands in higher education.

Pursue an education that will give you the opportunity to make connections and jump-start your future success.

Feed your thirst for knowledge with one of our more than 200 academic programs. Make friends and share ideas on a vibrant campus that offers an abundance of activities. Explore your interests in a student organization or club or intramural sport. Discover like-minded students in your Student Housing Living Learning Community.

The possibilities are endless at Purdue Fort Wayne. You can expand your knowledge by working side-by-side with our renowned faculty—and with an internship or a co-op. You can challenge yourself to achieve more with our Honors Program. Interested in studying abroad? More than 500 destinations await you. And when you’re ready to take the step to pursue your dream career, let Career Services help you prepare with a résumé critique or mock interview.

You can tailor your college experience any way you like at Purdue Fort Wayne, where you can experience everything and become anything.

MALAIKA AHMED
Chapman Scholar
Entering Class of 2018

“Starting off my higher studies as a Chapman Scholar has already opened many doors. With the financial backing provided by the Chapmans, I am able to direct all my attention to my dual-major studies and becoming a well-rounded student. Along with the scholarship, the Honors Program creates a unique learning experience that is student driven.”

COMPETITION

Can I compete in the Purdue Fort Wayne Summit Scholars Competition?
Yes! If you’re graduating from high school in 2020, meet the academic requirements, and have a completed application to Purdue Fort Wayne by December 1, you will be invited to compete.

How do I apply for the Summit Scholars Competition?
Once you apply to Purdue Fort Wayne and are deemed eligible to compete, the Summit Scholars Competition Coordinator will send you the direct link to apply via email and mail.

When and where is the competition?
The competition will be on Saturday, February 15, 2020, in the Rhinehart Music Center and Walb Student Union on the Purdue Fort Wayne campus (pfw.edu/maps).

What will I be doing at the competition?
You’ll take part in an interview and group problem-solving activities. You’ll also meet faculty, staff, and current students and tour campus.

Should my parents or guardians come with me?
They are encouraged to attend but not required. We plan a special program for any parents or guardians who are here during the competition.

What should I wear?
Business casual or business formal is recommended.

How will I be notified?
Once the competition results are finalized, the five Chapman Scholars and one Doermer Distinguished Scholar will be selected and offered scholarships. If you are offered a scholarship, you’ll need to reply to the Summit Scholars Program by the deadline listed with your offer.
NEXT STEPS

» Apply to Purdue Fort Wayne by December 1 (application must be complete).

» Submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (fafsa.ed.gov, school code 001828) by December 1 as a part of your qualification to compete.

» Complete the Summit Scholarship online application and registration forms, which include an essay, by January 15. The application is a key component in the selection process.

Congratulations for being such an outstanding student! We are excited that your next big journey can start here.

Questions?
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