YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ONE RUMBLING STEP FORWARD.
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.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
• Current high school senior set to complete Core 40 Diploma requirements or other college-prep curriculum
• 3.95 GPA, with 90th percentile class ranking; or 1380 SAT or higher; or 29 ACT or higher
• Submission of a completed application to Purdue Fort Wayne by December 1
• Completion of the FAFSA (school code 001828) by December 1
• Participation in the Virtual Summit Scholars Competition on February 19

RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS
• Be enrolled full-time during the fall and spring semesters
• Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher
• Meet program expectations
• Reside in on-campus housing

The Chapman Scholars Program has set me up for success both in my personal and professional life. The friendships that I developed with fellow scholars during college have carried with me beyond graduation, including my husband, a former Doermer Scholar, who I met through the program. I also graduated with no debt, which has allowed me and my husband to have the financial freedom to travel and give generously to those in need. By being a student in this prestigious program, I graduated with the education, skills, and resources I needed to attain my CPA license and be a desirable employee in the workforce. The Chapman Scholars Program is an opportunity to be a part of a community that is truly life-changing. It has blessed me tremendously, and the Chapmans have inspired me to take what I have been given and invest it in the lives of others.”

AMBER TIMBROOK
Chapman Scholar Alumna
Class of 2018
Staff Accountant, Client Service and Operations Associate at Wealth Advisors Group (Fort Wayne)

All Summit Scholarships are awarded based on a review of applicant information and competition performance.
THE SUMMIT SCHOLARS PROGRAM ADMINISTS TWO FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIPS: THE CHAPMAN SCHOLARSHIP AND THE DOERMER DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP. 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

Features
- 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 your four-year academic career
- Multiple travel experiences to Chicago and other cities
- Friendship and support from your cohort of six Chapman Scholars

KEVIN VILLELA
Chapman Scholar Alumnus
Class of 2013
Research Engineer at DeepMind
(California)

The Chapman Scholars Program has made a huge impact on my life not only at school but since graduating. The program taught me skills that I’m able to apply to my job, which I wouldn’t have learned otherwise, such as how to give presentations to large groups of people. Additionally, I still keep in touch with many of the scholars from my class, including, of course, my wife, Patricia Weiss. I’m still incredibly grateful for the opportunity the Chapmans gave us, and I hope I’m able to pay their goodwill forward in some way.”

DOERMER DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP
OPEN TO BUSINESS MAJORS

Features
- 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
A BRIGHT FUTURE FULL OF LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES

WHEN YOU BECOME A MASTODON, YOU’LL JOIN A COMMUNITY OF DOERS AND DIFFERENCE MAKERS, ALL WORKING AND MARCHING TOGETHER TOWARD THE FUTURES THEY’RE MAKING FOR THEMSELVES.

As part of the esteemed Purdue University system, you’ll earn a degree from one of the most trusted brands in higher education.

Feed your thirst for knowledge with one of our more than 200 academic programs. Explore your interests in a student organization or club or intramural sport. Discover like-minded students in your living learning community.

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 with our Honors Program. And you can study abroad at more than 500 destinations.

And when you’re ready to take the next step to pursue your dream career, let the Career Development Center help you prepare with a résumé critique or mock interview.

Purdue Fort Wayne gives you the support and opportunities you need so that each rumbling step you take brings you closer to who you’re supposed to be.

COMPETITION FAQ

CAN I COMPETE IN THE PURDUE FORT WAYNE VIRTUAL SUMMIT SCHOLARS COMPETITION?
Yes, if you’re graduating from high school in 2022. To be eligible to participate in the competition, you must meet the academic requirements and submit a complete application to Purdue Fort Wayne by December 1.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE PURDUE FORT WAYNE VIRTUAL SUMMIT SCHOLARS COMPETITION?
Once you apply to Purdue Fort Wayne and are deemed eligible to compete, the competition coordinator will send you the direct link to apply via email and mail.

WHEN IS THE VIRTUAL COMPETITION?
The competition will be on Saturday, February 19, 2022.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING AT THE VIRTUAL COMPETITION?
You will take part in an interview, engage in one-on-one meetings with delegates from your declared major, and attend an information fair.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?
Business-casual or business-formal attire is recommended.

HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED IF I’M SELECTED?
Once the competition results are finalized, the six 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 FAFSA (school code 001828) by December 1 as a part of your qualification to compete.
- Complete the Summit Scholarship online application, which includes two essays, by January 15. The application is a key component in the selection process.

Congratulations for being such an outstanding student.

Questions?
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