'19 SUMMIT SCHOLARS

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

YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE
The Summit Scholars merit award 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 including the Chapman, Doermer Distinguished, Weitzman, and Auer Visual and Performing Arts 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.
With the financial support of the Chapmans, I have been able to spend my time focusing on getting the most out of my course work and delving into undergraduate research. Also, my school year is less stressful without the pressure to work in order to manage student debt; this allows me the opportunity to finish a dual major in four years. Aside from academic opportunities, the camaraderie of the scholars and the extracurricular engagements make the entire experience of college much more enriching than I ever imagined possible.”

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

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Current high school seniors 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
- Must submit a completed application to Purdue Fort Wayne by December 1 and participate in the Summit Scholars Competition
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (fafsa.ed.gov)
- Must meet all application and program deadlines

**RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS**

Throughout their college career, scholarship recipients must:

- Be enrolled 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
These premier, full-ride scholarships are administered by the Summit Scholars Program. All 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 upon your major, you may be eligible to compete for one of the other scholarships 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
» Exclusive programming with campus and community leaders
» Friendship and support from your cohort of five Chapman Scholars
Being an Auer Scholar has given me an opportunity like no other: the chance to reach for the stars and follow my dreams. This scholarship—along with the flexibility to work around my hectic schedule and the invaluable support of professors and faculty members—has allowed me to throw myself into my passions. I feel confident walking toward my future and owe so much of it to the financial support, freedom, and foundation that I have been lucky enough to receive with the Auer Scholarship.

DOERMER DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP
OPEN TO BUSINESS MAJORS
Added values
» Paired with a 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

WEITZMAN SCHOLARSHIP
OPEN TO EDUCATION AND ENGINEERING MAJORS
Additional selection factors
» Strong and continued leadership and service activity
» Proven potential to contribute to the education or engineering profession
» Needs-based

AUER VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP
OPEN TO ART AND DESIGN, MUSIC, AND THEATRE MAJORS
Additional selection factors
» Artistic distinction
» Demonstrated leadership and civic engagement
» Audition and/or portfolio review required but may be scheduled for a different day
» Selection limited to residents of specific Indiana counties
The Honors Program is designed for motivated students who want to make the most of their higher education through an enriched academic experience. All Summit Scholars Competition candidates are eligible and highly encouraged to participate in the Honors Program. No additional application is necessary.

**HONORS PROGRAM**

» Challenging curriculum with independent/experiential learning
» State-of-the-art Honors Center for studying, collaborating, and fun
» Social and intellectual community of other honors students and faculty
» Personalized advising from honors faculty and staff
» Additional opportunities for scholarships
» Special benefits like priority registration, extended library privileges, distinctive transcript notations, and acknowledgement at Commencement with conferred engraved medal

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

As an incoming freshman, you have to meet **one** of the following criteria:

» Top 10% of your graduating high school class
» 1200 or higher total on the SAT
» 27 or higher on the ACT

Honors students must maintain at least a 3.3 GPA throughout their college endeavor, complete additional honors coursework and projects, and obtain a 3.5 GPA by graduation.

"Being a Doermer Distinguished Scholar has made me better prepared for the business world and my time at college. The Doermer Distinguished Scholars Program has helped me find a group of friends that I might not have known otherwise, and it has allowed me to experience all that the campus, staff, and Fort Wayne have to offer. Also, as an honors student I have had the chance to work on multiple projects on a closer, one-to-one basis with my honors professors."

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Incoming Class of 2016
Doermer Distinguished Scholarship

**HONORS PROGRAM**
Can I compete in the Purdue Fort Wayne Summit Scholars Competition?
Yes! If you’re graduating from high school in 2019, meet the academic requirements, and have a completed application to Purdue Fort Wayne by December 1, 2018, you will be invited to compete.

When and where is the competition?
The competition is Saturday, February 16, 2019, 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. The Auer VPA Scholarship requires an audition and/or portfolio review, but it may be scheduled for a different day.

Should my parents or guardians come with me?
They are encouraged to attend but not required. We plan a special program for any parents/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, five Chapman Scholars, one Doermer Distinguished Scholar, two Weitzman Scholars, and one Auer VPA Scholar will be selected and offered scholarships. If you are offered a scholarship, you’ll need to notify 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)
» Complete the Summit Scholarship online application and registration forms, which include an essay, by January 16. The application is a key component in the selection process
» The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (fafsa.ed.gov) must be completed by January 16 in order to compete

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

» 8,300 degree-seeking students of diverse ages, ethnicities, and nationalities
» Students from 39 states and 48 countries
» 300+ students have internships each year
» 250+ regional employer partners
» 92% of grads on our 2017 First Destination Survey say they were satisfied with their experience
» 91% of grads who are employed are working in a career related to their career goals
» 61,000+ alumni, more than half live and work in northeast Indiana

ABOUT FORT WAYNE

» Indiana’s second-biggest city
» Located in northeast Indiana, about a two-hour driving distance to major cities like Chicago, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and Detroit
» Offers plenty of opportunity for activities, music, sports, dining, and culture
» Learn more at pfw.edu/about/fort-wayne or neindiana.org

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