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YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ONE
RUMBLING STEP FORWARD

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One of Indiana's most prestigious and competitive scholarship programs

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, on-campus housing, textbooks, a stipend for food, and fees paid for up to four years.



NADA DAHOUK

Chapman Scholar Recipient
Class of 2027
Bachelor of Science in Biology



The Chapman Scholars Program has positively impacted my life in so many ways. The ability to pursue my college education without financial stress has allowed me to focus on my classwork and stay involved on campus. With the events we do throughout the year, such as the Lunch and Learns and Dinner with the Deans, I have been able to make connections with people on campus and around the city that have expanded my knowledge about Fort Wayne and the opportunities available here. These benefits, along with the friendships I have made with other members of the program, have given me a positive college experience that I am beyond grateful for.

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All Summit Scholarships are awarded holistically based on a review of applicant information and competition performance.

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
- 89 TOEFL or higher; or 7.5 IELTS or higher (international students only)
- Submission of a completed application to Purdue Fort Wayne by December 1
- Completion of the Summit Scholarship online application by January 15, 2026
- Participation in the Virtual Summit Scholars Competition on February 22, 2026

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

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THE SUMMIT SCHOLARS PROGRAM administers two full-ride scholarships: the Chapman Scholarship and the Doermer Distinguished Scholarship. Both awards offer full tuition, on-campus 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.

You'll also have the opportunity to be published in or sit on the executive, submission, and editorial boards of the *Summit City Journal: A Student Research Publication*—a peer-led and peer-reviewed journal developed by the Summit Scholars.



REBECCA ESSIG

Faculty Fellow
Associate Professor of First-Year Engineering
Department of Civil and Mechanical
Engineering



The Chapman Scholars Program is one of the most rewarding programs to be involved in on campus. It brings together students with demonstrated dedication to academics and helping others, and it creates a community where students can create their college identity, form relationships, give back to the community, and thrive. Serving as a faculty fellow and project mentor, I consider myself so lucky to see students grow from the moment they step onto campus to when they walk across the stage at graduation. The scholars are truly amazing and constantly inspire me with their passion and commitment.

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

DOERMER DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP

OPEN TO BUSINESS AND HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT 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

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A BRIGHT FUTURE FULL OF
LIMITLESS
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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 2026. To be eligible to participate in the competition, you must meet the academic requirements and submit a complete application for admission 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, you'll find a link to the application on your admissions checklist.

WHEN IS THE VIRTUAL COMPETITION?

The competition will be on Saturday, February 21, 2026.

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 Doerner 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.

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2025 SUMMIT SCHOLAR GRADUATES

NEXT STEPS

- Apply to Purdue Fort Wayne by **January 6, 2026**. (Admissions application must be complete.)
- Complete the Summit Scholarship online application, which includes two essays, by **January 15, 2026**.

Congratulations for being such an outstanding student.

Questions?

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