

D.C. EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the D.C. Experience Scholarship?

The Harkin Institute's D.C. Experience Scholarship was established in 2014 to honor Senator Harkin's legacy. The scholarship provides financial assistance to a Drake undergraduate student with financial need who is completing a summer internship in a congressional office, government agency or nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C.

2. What types of internships are eligible?

Students applying for internships with congressional offices, government agencies or nonprofits are encouraged to apply. Past recipients have worked in a number of positions, including:

- for members of Congress
- Peace Corps
- Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown University
- Leadership and the American Presidency Program
- Scripps Howard News Service

The internship must be unpaid or paid at or below the federal minimum wage rate.

3. What does the scholarship provide?

The stipend for this scholarship covers the recipient's housing accommodations for a 12-week period from **May to August 2019** with Washington Intern Student Housing (WISH), a non-refundable room deposit, as well as travel expenses up to \$500.

4. What are the other qualifications?

Other qualifications include:

- Undergraduate student at Drake University
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or greater
- Complete and submit the application and supporting materials **by noon on Monday, April 15, 2019.**
- Complete the fall term as a full-time student at Drake University following the summer D.C. internship

5. Should I apply even if I haven't secured an internship?

Yes. We know that when internships are awarded can vary significantly from organization to organization, and some decide later in the school year than others. If you have applied for an internship but have not had confirmation of your acceptance, you can still apply for the D.C. Experience Scholarship.

6. Should I apply even if my program includes housing or transportation?

We know that each situation is unique. If you are participating in a program that requires tuition in exchange for housing, etc., or have another unique situation that covers some of the costs typically covered by the D.C. Experience Scholarship, you are still encouraged to apply or contact Emily Schettler for additional information, 515-271-3592, emily.schettler@drake.edu.

APPLY AND LEARN MORE: [Visit HarkinInstitute.org](http://HarkinInstitute.org) and click on the “For Students” tab and then the “Scholarship” tab to learn more and stay up-to-date.

DEADLINE: The application and all supporting materials delivered to The Harkin Institute **by noon on Monday, April 15, 2019.**

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