

Barney Burke History Scholarships

In the 1980s, Robert Handy, an alumnus who had benefited from financial assistance while an undergraduate and graduate student in History at Portland State University, began a scholarship fund to help deserving undergraduate history majors. Upon the retirement of Professor Barney Burke, Professor Emeritus of History and former chair of the department, Mr. Handy decided to rename the scholarship in honor of his former teacher.

This year, Burke Scholarships in the amount of \$500 each will be awarded to up to five history majors.

Application Guidelines

1. Applicants should have a 3.0 overall GPA with a minimum 3.25 GPA in History, and must be declared undergraduate History majors.
2. Applicants will be judged based on academic performance, service to the university/community, and need for financial assistance.
3. A brief (300 words or less) statement of circumstances should accompany this application. Please attach your essay to this sheet. Questions that should be addressed in this essay are:

Why you should receive this award: i.e., your academic performance, service to PSU and the community
Your goals, and how a degree in History will help you accomplish them
Special circumstances affecting your education (family obligations, finances, employment status, etc.)

Applicants' essays will be reviewed by officers of Phi Alpha Theta selected by the Department of History.

Application Deadline

Applications are due in the PSU Department of History (Cramer 441) **on Friday, May 8, 2009 by 5:00 P.M.** The department will notify all students regarding the status of their application for this scholarship by June 1.

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ PSU ID #: _____

Preferred telephone: _____ Preferred email: _____

Mailing address: _____

Class level (circle one) FR SO JR SR PB/NA

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____