Class of 1941 Humanitarian Award

Application Deadline: Mon, 02/27/2017

Up to seven awards of at least $2250 are made annually to students who articulate how they plan to use their education toward the betterment of the world. Recipients are chosen from among junior and senior Commonwealth Honors College students in good standing who provide documentation of their community service and submit a written essay.

Description

The Class of 1941 graduated from the University at the inception of World War II. Living through the war years, they witnessed great upheaval throughout the world and lost many of their classmates in the conflagration. Their experiences instilled in them a deep concern for the issues of world peace and the furthering of human progress. On the occasion of their 50th reunion, these alumni sought to express this concern through the endowment of an annual awards program for junior and/or senior students at Commonwealth Honors College who share with them a commitment to the betterment of the world.

Eligibility

Junior and Senior Commonwealth Honors College Students in good standing, with a minimum GPA of 3.4.

Requirements

- Complete and sign the application form. Forms should be completed electronically or typed.
- Submit a typed, double-spaced essay of five to ten pages which recognizes the need for service beyond one’s self and which voices the student’s personal commitment to furthering human progress. The essay should express how the student plans to use her or his education to contribute to the betterment of the world. Award winning essays will be published in the Commonwealth Honors College newsletter. Click on this link for tips on how to write a personal statement.
- Attach documentation of university or community-based service performed while a student at the University of Massachusetts Amherst that includes: The organization and location where the service occurred, a description of role(s)
held and work performed, and duration of the service. Note that community service is defined as service for which candidates have not been paid.

How to Apply

Fill out attached application and return to

Commonwealth Honors College, Room 301, by February 27, 2017, 5:00 p.m.