**Lawrence Payne ’77 Public Service Scholarship**

This award was endowed by the Class of 1977 in memory of their classmate who graduated with Departmental Honors in Political Science. Mr. Payne died with Commerce Secretary Ron Brown in the 1996 plane crash in Croatia. Award recipients are selected from among senior Commonwealth Honors College students based on their academic achievement and demonstrated commitment to public service.

**Description**

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**Eligibility**

Senior Commonwealth Honors College Students in good standing, minimum GPA of 3.4.

**Requirements**

When completing the application:

- Provide 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.
- Provide two letters of recommendation from the agencies or organizations with which the student performed community service.
- Submit a typed, double-spaced essay of one to two pages discussing your educational and career goals and how a scholarship will help you reach your goals.

**How to Apply**

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