

SPRING 2020 FDI BOOK AWARD APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



"Once you learn to be read, you will be forever free."
"To educate a man is to unfit him to be a slave."

Please read the instruction below carefully before you begin the application

The Frederick Douglass Institute at West Chester University of Pennsylvania invites applications for Frederick Douglass Institute Book Award (Two Awards at \$500 each). This book award is open to all full-time students in good academic standing. The Frederick Douglass Institute Book Award provides recipients with an annual stipend for textbooks. The Book Award pays tribute to the value that Douglass placed on education and human rights by presenting worthy recipients with financial support for the academic year. With each Book Award given, the spirit of Douglass stands alongside the recipient, passing on the key to freedom.

To be considered for the book award, you must:

- be a full-time student at WCU. Graduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of 9 credits, and 12 credits for undergraduate students;
- Undergraduate students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.75; Graduate students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5;
- be in good academic standing; and,
- submit a completed application by **Wednesday, April 22, 2020**. Your application must be received not later than **11:59pm (EST)** of this date.

COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST HAVE

- A biographical information about yourself focusing on your experiences, leadership, and contribution to social justice (maximum of 900 characters)
- Respond to the essay topic on voting rights in the United States of America ***"2020 marks the 100th year anniversary of Women's Right to Vote in the United States. In light of the upcoming 2020 election and current voter suppression tactics, what role can concerned citizens in the United States of America play in ensuring all eligible voters have access and the right to vote?"*** (maximum of 3500 characters)

If you have questions about this application, contact Dr. Francis Atuahene at fatuahene@wcupa.edu and use [FDI Book Award](#) in the subject line.