

Frederick Douglass Society Legacy Scholarship

FDS Legacy Scholarship for Students Information and Guidelines

(Submit applications electronically to FDS@wcupa.edu by **Friday, November 15, 2019 at 11:59 p.m.**)

The Frederick Douglass Society established a student scholarship fund to support student success by enabling students to enhance their education through high impact educational activities. The purpose of the fund is to provide support in the following areas:

- To buy books
- To attend a professional conference (particularly if the student will be a presenter)
- To complete an internship or other academic or professional training experience
- To conduct or advance a research project
- To engage in service learning
- To participate in study abroad or other educational travel

Application Requirements

- A. Complete both the application and budget justification forms on the reverse side of these guidelines.
- B. Provide a brief essay (2-page maximum, 12-point font, single-spaced) **indicating how the proposed educational activity aligns with the legacy of Frederick Douglass. For detailed instructions, please review Section F of the application.**
- C. Submit an unofficial transcript that reflects a current grade point average. Please note that if you are awarded the scholarship, you may be required to submit an official transcript.
- D. Provide **1 Letter of recommendation** from a Faculty Advisor or a Course Instructor. The letter must address the following information about the student applicant:
 - a. Recommenders' relationship with student (Instructor and/or Advisor)
 - b. Overall academic performance
 - c. Community engagement (on-campus and/or off-campus service and leadership)
 - d. Potential for future leadership in the community

The letter may be submitted directly to the committee by the advisor or instructor via e-mail:
FDS@wcupa.edu.

- E. **Submit a single** MSWord document or scanned PDF with all portions of the application (except the letter of recommendation) to FDS@wcupa.edu by **the Friday, November 15, 2019** deadline.

Amount of Award

The maximum award is up to \$1,000.00 per undergraduate request and up to \$1,500.00 per graduate request. One or more students may receive awards, depending on the amount of funds requested in successful proposals.

Eligibility and Restrictions

Funding is restricted to *currently enrolled students with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 with at least 24 undergraduate or 18 graduate credits earned at West Chester University of Pennsylvania.*

Previous recipients of the FDS Legacy Scholarship may not apply for a second time.

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Notification

The FDS Executive Board will notify students by Friday, December 6, 2019. Students who receive awards will receive information regarding the funding process.

Reporting Requirement

After the project has been completed, student awardees will be required to submit a report documenting how funds were expended and what was accomplished. Awardees may also be invited to present a summary of the educational accomplishments made possible by the FDS Legacy Scholarship at the Annual MLK Brunch during the academic year following the receipt of their award.

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APPLICATION

Please read the instructions carefully and complete all sections of the application. Submit the application electronically in a Word document or a PDF to FDS@wcupa.edu by Friday, November 15th, at 11:59 p.m.

Full Name:

WCU email address:

Academic Major:

Cumulative GPA:

Funding category (choose only 1):

- Attend a professional conference
 - Buy books
 - Complete an internship or other training
 - Conduct or advance a research project
 - Engage in service learning
 - Participate in study abroad or other educational travel
 - Present at a professional conference
 - Other
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A. Provide a brief description of how you propose to use the funds:

B. Beginning Date of Educational Activity:

Ending Date of Educational Activity:

C. Total amount requested:

D. Budget: (Itemize proposed expenses as specifically as possible. Add additional lines as needed.)

| Item | Amount Requested |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Conference registration | |
| Equipment/ Supplies | |
| Lodging | |
| Travel | |
| Other (specify) | |
| | |
| Total amount requested | |

E. Budget Justification: (Provide a detailed explanation for all items listed in the budget, and specify how all amounts were calculated.)

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F. **FDS Legacy - Brief Essay:** Please follow the instructions below.

The Mission Statement of the Frederick Douglass Society

“Education means emancipation. It means light and liberty. It means the uplifting of the soul of man [humankind] into the glorious light of truth, the light by which men [and women] can only be made free.”
– Frederick Douglass, Blessings of Liberty and Education Speech. 1894

Rising from the bonds of slavery, Frederick Douglass became an abolitionist, social justice educator, and civil rights leader. In the spirit of his life’s work, The Frederick Douglass Society (FDS) and West Chester University are committed to inclusive excellence by promoting empowerment through education, social justice through civic engagement, and the advancement of human rights through thoughtful public dialogue. FDS members include faculty, administrators, staff, and students who provide leadership, support, and guidance to the West Chester University community regarding multi-cultural education, empowerment, and equality. We invite partners in our fulfillment of this mission.

<https://www.wcupa.edu/fds/>

Instructions: In a brief essay (2 pages maximum, 12-point font, single-spaced), please respond to the following questions:

- 1) How is the quote from Frederick Douglass’s *Blessings of Liberty and Education* speech still relevant today? How is education linked to liberty, truth, and the uplifting of the human soul in modern times?
 - 2) How does your proposed educational activity align with the legacy of Frederick Douglass?
 - 3) Following the legacy of great leaders like Frederick Douglass, what are your dreams for making a difference in the world: locally, nationally, and/or internationally?
- Feel free to address how the scholarship may impact current financial status

Note: Your essay will be evaluated for the quality of content, grammar, and spelling. Please proofread your essay before submitting your application. Thank you.