

Skull and Dagger Foundation

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Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The Skull and Dagger Foundation is pleased to announce that four \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to continuing USC students for the 2020-2021 academic year. The scholarships will be awarded to students (graduate or undergraduate) who have demonstrated significant campus and/or community leadership.

The Skull and Dagger Society was founded in 1913 and is the oldest honor society at USC. Its members have been selected because of their service, dedication, and performance on behalf of the University. Two of the scholarships are named in memory of Dr. Kenneth Owler Smith, a professor of Journalism who served as an officer of the Society from 1983 to 1988, and Dr. Harrison M. Kurtz, a professor of Biological Sciences, who served as an officer of the Society from 1989 to 2001.

The Barden Centennial Scholarship is dedicated in memory and honor of Bella and Don Barden, whose daughter Alana Marshall Barden is a member of the 2013 Centennial Class of the Skull and Dagger Society. It is supported by the Bella and Don Barden Foundation, which strives to promote growth, leadership, and entrepreneurship in youth and pledges commitment to the community. The William I. Griffith Scholarship is named in memory of Bill Griffith, a member of the Class of 1946, who served as editor of the *Daily Trojan*.

Each applicant for these scholarships will be required to submit the Skull and Dagger Foundation Scholarships application form, a one-page letter of recommendation from a USC faculty or staff member, and a USC Completed Course Summary, available on OASIS. While there is no minimum grade point average required to apply, academic excellence is expected. In addition, each applicant must include an essay of not more than 1,000 words on why he or she should receive the scholarship.

Semi-finalists for this award will be invited to and must attend a dinner on Monday, April 6, 2020 in order to meet the members of the Scholarship Committee (no exceptions). The recipients of the scholarship will be notified prior to and will be introduced at the Skull and Dagger Annual Breakfast on Saturday, May 2, 2020.

All applications (including recommendations) must be returned to MHP-106, **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2020**. If you have any questions about the application, please contact members of the committee at scholarship@skullanddagger.org.

Scholarship Committee
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