

Scholarship Committee: 9/17/2021

Attendance: Kaine Ezell (chair), Ami Comeford, Elfi Gabriel, Terry Phelps, Felicia Steele

I. William C. Johnson Scholarship minimum GPA

Description will now read that a "high GPA" is the standard for Latin honors (3.5 and above)

II. William C. Johnson two-tier evaluation

A first reading will judge the pool of applications according to the rubrics developed over the summer. The rubric characterizes GPA and levels of service on a five point scale. Students must achieve a compound score (GPA + service based on rubric) that reduces the overall number of applications to a manageable level (at least by half).

III. Budget recommendations

Regents Scholarship \$10,000; WC Johnson Scholarship \$10,000; Study Abroad scholarship amount

IV. Study Abroad Discussion

Motion from Comeford (seconded by Steele) to suspend study abroad scholarships for the fall applicaiton cycle as a result of the pandemic. Motion passes.

Summer program scholarships should be limited to programs in the same country as the student.

V. Short-term Study Abroad Discussion

Committee plans to establish a scholarship program for short term study abroad programs. The committee is asking for \$6000 per year to be added to the overal study abroad program to support four awards per year. This will be presented at the Spring board meeting. Issue tabled until Spring.

VI. Scholarship Essay Prompt on Convention Theme

Drafts of the questions should circulate to the board affiliates and rest of the committee by September 24 and then to Elfi by October 4.

Theme for convention: Now as in the past, Atlanta is a city of action. It's the home of leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and John Lewis, who encouraged us to get into "good trouble" in the name of change. The movie industry is among the most thriving in the country, the city is home to multiple professional sports teams, and the traffic is almost always bustling. The city's motto, *resurgens*, means rising again, depicted as a phoenix rising from the ashes. As we emerge from the pandemic and look toward our first in-person convention in two years, this theme encapsulates our mutual hopefulness and excitement."

In the past, we set up a Google doc. Last year's prompts are here:

Question One (Felicia will work on this one)

In what ways have the complex challenges of the current environment engendered your own metamorphosis?

Question Two

Stories written, spoken, or seen have the power to transform us. How has a particular story changed you or your perspective?

Old Business:

Library awards: should we encourage prior applicants to apply? They already get feedback that they are eligible to reapply.

Minutes taken by Felicia Steele