

Scholarships and Awards Committee Agenda

Charge: To recommend application requirements, selection standards, and objective evaluation methods for the annual scholarship competition; to recommend scholarship recipients and identify runners-up; to post the winning scholarship application essays at the annual convention.

OLD BUSINESS

- Continued monitoring of our totals: number of applicants, equity of process, amounts of scholarships
 - Recent increases in other totals
 - Somerville amount has been \$2000 for quite some time
 - Licensing costs have increased for students to be (Praxis exam, background checks, etc.)
 - Raise to \$3000
 - Increase number as “up to 3”
 - MOVE TO Summer application cycle for them
 - Way to highlight this among English Ed majors?
 - Talking to Regents who might ask ADVISORS to identify resources on their own campuses....
 - Blog might include info from previous winners
 - Video elements?
 - Any other amounts we want to consider increasing?
- Considering a Diversity Scholarship
 - Unresolved former request
 - Is previous “request for extenuating circumstances” enough?
 - Collegiate scholarship
 - Access scholarships (Felicia’s term for it)
 - Might tie it to the Region. Lexey likes tying to Region because of the differences in the issues of access by region.
 - Types of supporting documents can include FAFSA, award letters, academic accommodation letter from Office of Disability.
 - MAKE THIS A CHARGE TO THE COMMITTEE FOR THE FALL
- Scholarship Workshop
 - Beyond basic tips for improving applications, encouraging students to submit, and clarifying aspects of the AwardSpring submission—what else to include in this workshop?
 - If there are faculty there, can we discuss how to write a good LoR
 - Remind students to ask for letters early...if you’re interested, even, consider sending that email to an advisor
 - After email “if you think you can write a letter for me, please send a resume”
 - The request for letters comes at the very end...but know that they’ll get a specific request.
 - Explain “in person” who applies for which scholarship
 - Don’t worry as much about which Scholarship—AwardSpring will make sure you know what you’re eligible for

- ONLY when you hit submit do you generate the request for a LoR from the profs you've approached
- Do we do the LIT grant?

NEW BUSINESS

- Recent email request for volunteers very successful
 - We had 42 volunteers within the first few days
 - No further need for requests? Exception made at Scholarship Workshop?
- Questions we answered in the CO
 - ***update information online so that we answer some more of those...especially in FAQ
 - Law school, museum studies, journalism, ...give examples of disciplines
- Looking ahead to drafting the questions for the 2020 Convention theme "Transformative Landscapes"
 - Brainstorming questions for consideration; share with 2020 Convention Chair
- Other

FIRST...we fixed the hyphen in "runners-up"
Somerville