

School of Biological Sciences Scholarships for the 2021-22 Academic Year

Application Deadline: January 22, 2021

1. Biology Continuing Student Departmental Scholarship

Up to eight scholarships are awarded each year to currently enrolled Biology majors pursuing their first Bachelor's degree. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, must have completed 30 credits at the University of Utah, and must be Utah residents. These are tuition waivers of \$2,500 per semester (Fall and Spring; fees are not covered) for a total of \$5,000. The student must take a minimum of 12 credits per semester. Recipients may not be on another tuition waiver scholarship during the scholarship year. This scholarship requires that the applicant/awardee be a US citizen or permanent resident (green card).

2. Stephen D. Durrant Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established in 1985 by Stephen D. Durrant, and is open to Biology majors who are finishing their freshman or sophomore years. Two scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded to cover tuition. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required. The recipient of this award may apply for a second year, if funding is available. This scholarship requires that the applicant/awardee have graduated from a Utah high school or be a US citizen or permanent resident (green card).

3. Thomas S. Frank Memorial Scholarship

Two awards of \$1,000 are available to Biology majors engaged in research in the area of genetics. The recipient must demonstrate a record of strong academic accomplishment (cumulative University of Utah GPA of at least 3.0) as well as a strong history of involvement in artistic or creative pursuits such as writing, composing (or other musical achievement), painting (or other visual art), or film-making. This scholarship requires that the applicant/awardee have graduated from a Utah high school or be a US citizen or permanent resident (green card).

4. Esther Fujimoto Memorial Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2018 by the Fujimoto family to honor the memory of Esther Fujimoto and her career as a research scientist in Molecular Biology at the University of Utah. This scholarship is available to declared Biology majors who are finishing their sophomore or junior years. One scholarship of \$500 will be awarded for use towards the cost of tuition. A minimum GPA of 3.5 is required. Preference will be given to students who are working in a Molecular Biology lab or who are first-generation college students. This scholarship requires that the applicant/awardee have graduated from a Utah high school or be a US citizen or permanent resident (green card).

All scholarships will be awarded for the 2021-2022 academic years.

Deadline for submission of applications is January 22, 2021.

Include the applicant checklist as page 1 of your application.

Applications should be submitted to Theresa Nydam: t.nydam@utah.edu

Applicant Checklist (Include this page with your application)

Name: _____ U of U ID#: _____

Eligibility Requirements for All School of Biological Sciences Scholarship Applicants:

- I am a US Citizen or Permanent Resident (Green Card) - may apply for scholarships 1-4
If not, you are still eligible to apply for Scholarships 2-4 if you
 - graduated from a High School in Utah.
- Declared Biology Major at the University of Utah
- Working towards a 1st Bachelors Degree
- Taking 12 or more graded credit hours per semester of the 2021-22 academic year
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 unless otherwise stated (Continuing and Fujimoto require a 3.5)

List of Application Materials:

- School of Biological Sciences Scholarship Application Form and Applicant Checklist
- Personal Statement of 1-2 pages discussing the history and development of your interest in science, what you hope to gain from your Biology education, and your career plans. Please include any research experience you might have.
- College Transcripts (unofficial) including transfer summary if applicable.
- 1 Letter of Recommendation from a University faculty member familiar with your academic performance or laboratory skills. A School of Biological Sciences instructor is preferred.
- Additional requirements as specified by individual scholarships

I am applying for and am eligible for the following scholarships:

1. Continuing Student Departmental Scholarship
Applicant must have completed at least 30 credits at the University of Utah, and be a Utah resident (for purposes of tuition).
Minimum GPA of 3.5.
2. Stephen Durrant Scholarship
Include a 2nd letter of recommendation. One of your letters must be from a School of Biological Sciences faculty member
3. Thomas S. Frank Memorial Scholarship
Include a separate description of your research in genetics as well as your strong history of involvement in artistic or creative pursuits such as writing, composing (or other musical achievement), painting (or other visual art), or film-making.
4. Esther Fujimoto Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Preference is given to students working in a Molecular Biology Lab or who are first-generation college students. Either indicate this in your personal statement or in a separate statement.

SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2021-2022

Note: Upon completion, this application should be emailed to Theresa Nydam:
t.nydham@utah.edu

Name _____
Last First Middle

email address _____ U of U ID # _____

Phone number _____

College(s) Attended _____ Years _____

Current GPA _____

List any special academic activities or research in which you have participated: _____

Letter of recommendation(s) will be sent (or emailed to t.nydham@utah.edu) directly from:

(Name and title of recommender) _____

Are you presently (or will you be next year) holding a scholarship or receiving financial aid? If so, please describe.

Signature

Date

**ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY:
January 22, 2021**

See applicant checklist for additional information to be included with this application.

**University of Utah Letter of Recommendation
Permission to Release Education Record Information**

Name of Student _____ U of U ID number _____

I give permission for _____ to write a letter of recommendation on my behalf for the purpose of a scholarship application. This letter can include the following information:

Please check all that apply:

Grades GPA Class Rank

Please provide a written recommendation addressed to:

School of Biological Sciences Scholarship Committee

You may email to:
t.nydham@utah.edu

I waive my right to review a copy of this letter of recommendation now and in the future.

Yes No

Signature of student _____ Date _____

Instructions for the student: Identify research or academic faculty members who will complete a recommendation for you, and provide a signed Permission to Release form to each.

Instructions for the author: email your signed letter of recommendation to the above address and retain a copy of this waiver for your personal files. If the student is applying for multiple scholarships in the School of Biological Sciences only ONE letter is required per student.