Martin Family Foundation Scholarships

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In collaboration with
UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON
Agenda

> Q&A throughout: unmute, chat, raise hand
> Martin Achievement Scholarship Details
> Martin Honors Scholarship Details
> Application components & advice
> Tips for searching and applying competitively for scholarships beyond the Martin Family Foundation opportunities
Martin Foundation & Scholar Perspective

> Benn & Claribel Martin
  – Benn: civil engineer, worked on water & sewer treatment plants for west coast cities, including Seattle. Educated at NYU and UW, and took classes at community colleges throughout his life.
  – Claribel: parole officer in SF, dedicated her career to helping people rebuild their lives from troubled beginnings.

> Benn’s Vision
  – Impressed by community college systems and students.
  – Particularly interested in assisting students who have had a positive impact in their community.
  – Created the Martin Family Foundation and allied with UW.

> Board members are Benn & Claribel’s friends & scholarship program alumni.
Two Scholarships

> **Martin Achievement Scholarship**
  – Apply now if you will still be enrolled at your CC for 2021-22 and looking forward to applying to UW Seattle for 2022-23
  – Open now, due April 9, 2021

> **Martin Honors Scholarship**
  – Apply later this spring if you are transferring to UW Seattle for 2021-22
  – Will be open May-early July
Basic Eligibility Requirements for Both Programs

> Washington State residents who meet any one of the following three categories:
  
  – US citizens, or US Permanent Residents, or Eligible for in-state tuition through HB 1079 or DACA qualification.
  
  – For additional information about HB 1079 qualification, please visit [http://readysetgrad.org/wasfa](http://readysetgrad.org/wasfa) and [UW’s information for undocumented students](http://readysetgrad.org/wasfa). If this applies to you, please also be aware that to qualify for in-state tuition at UW through HB 1079 you must meet all of the following three criteria:
    
    > Received a diploma from a Washington high school OR the equivalent of a diploma (GED) in Washington State.
    
    > Lived in Washington for at least three calendar years (not school years) prior to receiving their diploma or its equivalent (GED).
    
    > Continuously resided in Washington since receiving the high school diploma or its equivalent (GED).

> Get to know [UW residency requirements](http://readysetgrad.org/wasfa)!
Martin Achievement Scholarship

> Apply while still at the community college for one more year
> List of eligible community colleges = proximity to UW
  - Bellevue, Cascadia, Edmonds, Everett, Grays Harbor, Green River, Highline, North Seattle, Olympic, Peninsula, Pierce, Seattle Central, Shoreline, South Seattle or Tacoma Community College pursuing their first baccalaureate degree.
> Must have earned at least 15 CC credits
> Exceptional ability in science, humanities, music art and/or leadership
> Award contingent on admission to UW
> $5,000 for final year at community college, and
> $12,000/year for up to 3 years at UW
> Flexible use of funds
Martin Honors Scholarship

- Apply summer immediately before transfer (or before 18 credits earned at UW).
- Must have earned at least 36 credits at any WA community college by matriculation.
- Strength of character, intellectual ability, and sense of purpose
- Expected to have well-formulated ideas about the direction of future studies and subsequent careers.

Award: contingent upon admission to UW
- $12,000/year for up to 3 years at UW
- Flexible use of funds
Martin Scholarship Applications

> Online application:
  – basic biographical and educational information, 4 short response questions
> Current unofficial transcripts from all community colleges/universities attended
> A Curriculum Vitae or activities resume listing honors, awards, scholarships, service, research, work experience, etc., and
> Two letters of recommendation:
  – At least one from a faculty member addressing your intellectual curiosity and potential.
  – The other can be written by someone able to address your capabilities and volunteer/community involvement.
> What are the two most significant courses you have taken at the community college in preparation for your career? Briefly explain why these courses were most significant? (500 words)

> Describe an activity or experience that has been important in shaping, clarifying, and/or strengthening your motivation to pursue an undergraduate degree in your proposed field of study. Why do you think this particular activity or experience influenced you? (500 words)

> Describe a recent particularly satisfying experience or activity at either work, community service, or with your family (do not repeat the experience described in the previous question). (600 words)

> What additional personal information do you wish to share with the Martin Scholarship Review Committee? (500 words)
Martin Achievement Interviews

> Internal campus review & identification of candidates to interview
> Interviews on May 11 with Martin Foundation Board Members (friends of Benn & Claribel & alumni Scholars)

> Review your application
> Practice
> Be yourself!
Martin Honors Process

> Application Period: May-July
> Additional essay component in August
> Interviews with the Board in early September
For More Information

- Martin Scholarships Website: http://expd.uw.edu/scholarships/martin
- Martin Achievement Application: https://expd.uw.edu/expo/scholarships/martinachievement
- Martin Honors Application: https://expd.uw.edu/expo/scholarships/martinfamily

- 2021 Deadlines:
  - Martin Achievement: Friday, April 9, 2021
  - Martin Honors: early July 2021
Additional Scholarship Resources

> UW Office of Merit Scholarships, Fellowships & Awards
  > Searchable database of scholarships: https://expd.uw.edu/expo/scholarships
  > Lists of additional search tools: http://expd.uw.edu/scholarships/search-for-scholarships/tools/
  > Scholarship guides: https://expd.uw.edu/scholarships/scholarship-search/lists/
  > Workshops, info sessions, tips: http://expd.uw.edu/scholarships/
  > Facebook, Instagram, email list for scholarship notices
  > Scholarship advising and support once at UW

> Examples of additional scholarships to consider:
  > Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship: http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/undergraduate-transfer/
  > Udall Undergraduate Scholarship: https://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship/Scholarship.aspx
  > Truman Scholarship: https://www.truman.gov
Developing Your Candidacy

What can I do to become more competitive for any scholarships?

> Maintain a good G.P.A., but it’s not the only thing that matters
  > Scholarships selection committees are generally looking for your future potential as evidenced by your past achievements and engagements.

> Get involved with community service and extracurricular activities that match your interests, passions (internships, research, volunteering, etc.)

> Work and family obligations count!
  > Working in your school, summer employment, internships
  > Work that will provide you with transferable skills and insights into what you like and don’t like to do
  > Family obligations: why those are important to you, how they influence your academic interests/goals/trajectory
Defining Your Search

Use search terms and timelines to guide your search

> Search terms:
  - Use categories and search terms to define your search, but not to limit it.
  - Example: Sophomore intended Biology major who wants to study abroad can look for general scholarships, Biology-specific scholarships, study abroad-specific scholarships, scholarships related to their community and other involvements, etc.

> Timelines:
  - Finding, applying and learning outcomes takes awhile
  - Plan to apply 6-18 months in advance of when you plan to use the funds
  - Fall is national scholarship deadline season; winter/spring is local scholarship deadline season
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Decide to Try and Apply!

“How competitive is this scholarship?”

> FACT: Only students who apply for scholarships, are selected for scholarships

> STRATEGY: Instead of thinking about how competitive a scholarship is, consider how competitive YOU are for a scholarship

> FACT: It takes practice

> STRATEGY: Apply for scholarships all along the way
Stay in Touch!

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