

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD INFORMATION SHEET

SOCIOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are designed to help cover your educational expenses next year. In order to be eligible for Sociology or university scholarships, then, you must be continuing as a full-time student in **Fall 2018**.

Barbara Holland Peevers Memorial Scholarship

This is a need-based scholarship for students majoring in Sociology with a minimum Chico State GPA of 3.0 who will have completed at least 60 units by the start of **Fall 2018**. Your essay for this scholarship should outline your academic goals and identify how winning the scholarship will help you. This award is based on a family investment fund and the amount awarded will vary each year depending on the interest earned, but is typically \$1500.

Travis Williams Humanitarian Scholarship

This scholarship honors a student who has shown dedication to the betterment of society through community involvement locally or elsewhere. Applicants should have completed at least 60 units by the start of **Fall 2018**, and have a minimum Chico State GPA of 2.0. This scholarship is not based on need. Essays for this scholarship should address the work you have done to improve the lives of others. One scholarship of \$500 may be given. Applications will be accepted, but the scholarship may not be awarded because of funding.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

To apply for either of the Sociology scholarships above, you must complete both of the following:

1. The university application, which must be completed online at www.csuchico.edu/fa. The university application asks for some basic information, as well as short answers to a handful of open-ended questions about yourself and your accomplishments. Please note that the university application suggests that it may be beneficial for a faculty member to submit a letter of recommendation for you. The deadline for the university application (including the letter of recommendation) is **February 15, 2018**.
2. The departmental application to the Department of Sociology, which consist of filling out an Awards Application Cover Sheet, and writing a brief, one-to-two-page essay specific to the scholarship(s) to which you are applying. The Application Cover Sheet is available in the Sociology department office located in 615 Butte Hall, or online at <https://www.csuchico.edu/soci/resources/scholarships.shtml>. The deadline to turn in this essay and its accompanying cover sheet is 5:00 p.m. on **March 10, 2018**. Please submit it to the Sociology Department, Butte Hall Room 615.

If you apply for more than one scholarship, you will only need to complete one online application, and one departmental application (which includes the coversheet and an essay). Scholarship applicants are strongly encouraged to also apply for Sociology Department Awards.

SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT AWARDS

To be eligible for a Sociology Department Award, you must be a full-time enrolled sociology major during **Spring 2018**. Unlike the Sociology Scholarships, however, you do not have to be continuing as a Chico State student in **Fall 2018** in order to apply. Sociology minors may apply for the Educational Enhancement Award.

W.E.B. duBois Award

This award recognizes Sociology juniors or seniors who have overcome obstacles and challenges in life and in their educational pursuits. Students with a minimum 3.0 Chico State GPA may apply. Essays should address the obstacles you have overcome, your commitment to Sociology, and how the award will contribute to the completion of your degree.

Robert P. Rankin Award

This award recognizes students who have put their sociological knowledge into action through a civic engagement project, activism, community-based research, or leadership in a campus or community organization. Applicants should be Sociology majors with a Chico State GPA of 3.0 or higher **who will graduate in the spring, summer or fall of 2018**. Essays should describe how you have applied your sociological knowledge in hands-on ways for the benefit of others.

Exceptional Academic Achievement Award(s)

This award honors a student for outstanding academic achievement. Applicants should be Sociology majors whose Chico State GPA is 3.5 or higher, and who will graduate in **spring, summer or fall of 2018**. Students are nominated for this award by Sociology faculty. Faculty members must submit a letter of recommendation to the Awards Committee and inform the student in sufficient time for you to complete the essay, which should address how your experience in the Sociology program has contributed to your worldview and how you expect to use your degree to achieve your career objective. If you would like to be nominated for this award, you should speak with the faculty member who you think can best nominate you.

Educational Enhancement Award

This award is for special use related to expenses for travel to a conference or some other academic event, for study abroad, or for research or special projects. Sociology majors and minors may apply for this award. Essays should address your commitment to the field of sociology, and describe what you hope to gain from your plans to travel, study abroad, or engage in a special project.

Walt Schaefer Outstanding Research Paper Award

To encourage and reward extraordinary research and writing in sociology, this cash award recognizes students who have completed at least one research paper with a minimum word count of 2,500 including citations, and an abstract of approximately 100 words. Research should examine primary and/or secondary data collected for a class assignment or under the direct supervision of a CSU, Chico Sociology faculty member. To qualify, a student must be a declared Sociology major or minor, have a minimum cumulative GAP of 2.5, and have completed at least 45 units by the end of **spring 2018**.

AWARD APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

To apply for a Sociology Department Award, you must fill out a Sociology Award Cover Sheet, and submit a brief essay of one-to-two pages (see details of each award). You may apply to more than one award, and only need to write a total of one essay, but that essay should address the criteria outlined by each of the awards for which you are applying. No awards are funded by donations made by Sociology faculty members and alumni, and award amounts depend on the balance in the Awards Fund. The deadline for Sociology Department Award applications is 5:00 p.m. on **March 1, 2018**. Please submit all required items to the Sociology Department, Butte Hall 615.

Department of Sociology Scholarship and Awards Cover Sheet

Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Address: _____
(include street address, city, state, and zip)

E-mail: _____ Student Id Number: _____

Date of graduation or anticipated date of graduation: _____

If a graduating senior, have you officially applied for graduation online? _____ Yes _____ No

CSU Chico GPA: _____

Scholarships sought (check all that apply)*:

*Note: To apply for the following scholarships, you must complete an online university scholarship application by **February 15, 2018** at www.csuchico.edu/fa. In addition, you must complete this coversheet and write a 1-2 page essay addressing the criteria of each scholarship for which you are applying. This coversheet and the essay are due in to the Sociology Department Office no later than **5pm on February 15, 2018**.

_____ Barbara Holland Peevers Memorial Scholarship (need-based; 3.0 gpa)

_____ Travis Williams Humanitarian Scholarship (for community involvement; 2.0 gpa)

Department Awards sought (check all that apply)*:

*Note: To apply for these awards, you must complete this coversheet, as well as a 1-2 page essay addressing the criteria of each award for which you are applying. This coversheet and the essay are due in to the Sociology Department Office no later than **5pm on March 1, 2018**.

_____ W.E.B. duBois Award (for overcoming obstacles in educational pursuits; 3.0 gpa)

_____ Robert P. Rankin Award (for putting sociological knowledge into action; 3.0 gpa)

_____ Exceptional Academic Achievement Award (3.5 gpa; requires nomination by Sociology faculty)

_____ Educational Enhancement Award (for special project, study abroad, conference travel, etc.)

_____ Walt Schaefer Outstanding Research Paper Award (for extraordinary research and writing; 2.5 gpa)

Please refer to the information sheets for specific requirements of each scholarship and award. Note that a one-to-two page essay addressing the criteria of all the scholarships and awards to which you are applying must be attached to this cover sheet. If you would like to be considered for multiple awards, you only need to write one essay, but it should include information pertinent to each award for which you wish to be considered. These two documents must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. **March 1, 2018** to the Department of Sociology located in Butte Hall Room 615.