# UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE
# DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
# UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS, 2026-2027

The History Department offers **two kinds of scholarships** to undergraduate students:

- **Category I** scholarships are based on strong academic work
- **Category II** are based on demonstrated financial need + strong academic work

The History faculty awards scholarships on the basis of applicants' grades, both in History courses and overall, and on recommendations.

Eligibility:

1. History majors who are currently **sophomores, juniors, or seniors** are eligible to apply.
2. If you have received a scholarship before, you may apply again, but preference is given to those who have not received an award in the past.

A complete application for **Categories I and II*** will include:

1. a completed application form (please see below)
2. a current UTK transcript or MyUTK academic history, showing at least a 3.0 GPA in history and 2.5 GPA overall.
3. recommendations by two members of the UTK History Department with whom you have taken classes
4. a typewritten statement (no more than two pages) discussing some or all of the following:
   - academic plans for the remainder of your undergraduate studies;
   - why you decided to major in history and the value of the major for you;
   - personal (non-curricular) intellectual goals and interests;
   - interests or plans you may pursue after graduation.

***Category II:** Applicants to this category grant permission for the Department of History to access financial aid information.

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**Students must request recommendations from faculty no later than February 17, 2026. Faculty will submit their letters of recommendation separately.**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 6, 2026.** Please email the application form, transcript or academic history, and typed statement to Ms. Mary Beckley at mcopela8@utk.edu, subject line 'Undergraduate Scholarships.' *Microsoft Word or PDF files only.*

# APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS IN HISTORY, 2026-2027

Please type or print neatly, then sign and date at the bottom.

1. Name _____

2. Student ID _____

3. Local Address _____

4. Email _____

5. Permanent Address, if not the same as in item 3 above.

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6. **Type of award sought (if eligible for both, please indicate both):**
   _____ A. Category I, scholarships based on strong academic work
   _____ B. Category II, scholarships based on financial need + strong academic work

7. Names of History Department faculty recommenders. (The applicant is responsible for requesting letters from recommenders **no later than February 17, 2026**.)

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*I declare that it is my intention to take my undergraduate degree in history and to pursue a continuous, full course of study at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville until graduation.* ***If I am applying under Category II (need-based), I grant the Department of History permission to access my financial aid information.***

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Applicant Signature Date