New Liberal Arts Scholarships 2013-14

Awards of $13,000 per year awarded to entering first time freshmen for each of four years of consecutive full-time study

Initial application process:

- Applicants must submit all application materials (Common Application, high school transcript, a letter of recommendation, ACT or SAT scores on or before the Early Action deadline of November 15.
- Application materials for the specific awards (listed below) must be submitted via email to dtr3@stmarys-ca.edu or by mail to Admissions Office, c/o Drew Riley, PO Box 4800, Moraga, CA 94575 on or before noon, Dec. 6th, 2013.
- Students with complete applications must interview on campus January 25th, 2014 with faculty from their department of interest. (Overnight accommodations may be available on Friday, January 24th provided two weeks’ notice is provided.) The college may be able to assist in travel cost to students outside of Northern California; inquire with Drew Riley at dtr3@stmarys-ca.edu for more information.
- Students may only apply for one departmental scholarship (i.e. all new Liberal Arts, and previously existing Performing Arts, and Mathematics scholarships.)

Other information:

- These are merit scholarships awarded based on determinations of academic and competitive ability, not financial need.
- All scholarships are applied against any demonstrated need first (as determined by the FAFSA) they cannot “stacked” atop need-based Saint Mary’s scholarships once a financial aid award has been mailed.
- Recipients must remain enrolled full time, maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0>, and must major in the respective departments to maintain their departmental scholarships.
- These departmental scholarships may be stacked with other merit scholarships, namely the Gael’s Scholar’s Award, Lasallian Leadership Award, Honors-at-Entrance Scholarship and the Presidential Scholarship. However, an individual may receive no more than three of these merit based institutional scholarships.
- All scholarships are renewable for three successive years provided eligibility requirements and obligations are met.

Brother Cornelius Video Arts Scholarship (Art and Art History Department)

Application Materials:
1. An essay (<500 words), describing the applicant’s interest and qualifications for the scholarship
2. Two letters of recommendation from teachers and/or others addressing the applicant’s qualifications
3. A DVD or online portfolio of original work (video as well as artwork of other digital or traditional mediums
4. A list of software skills
5. A list of any relevant video media art projects including titles, durations, and synopses.

Expectations:
The recipient must major in Art Practice and is expected to annually contribute in several capacities to the Art & Art History Department. Such contributions may include working closely with a faculty member as a production or research assistant on a video or media arts project, coordinating screenings of student video work, leading the department’s art club.

Theology and Religious Studies Scholarship
Application Materials:
1. A personal essay of <1000 words addressing the following:
   a. Why are you interested in pursuing the academic study of theology and/or religion and related topics that most interest you
   b. Providing evidence of such interest in the form of personal experience, study, service, or career expectations.
   c. Describing why Saint Mary’s College would be a good place to pursue the study of theology and/or religion.
2. Two letters of recommendation addressing your intellectual interests in studying theology and/or religion: at least one from an academic professional (e.g. teacher or guidance counselor)

Expectations:
The recipient must major in Theology & Religious Studies and contribute actively to the Theology & Religious Studies department’s work. Such contributions might include organizing events for students or the larger community, engaging in research with the faculty, leading study groups, and/or assisting with the department’s website.

Integral Program Scholarship
Application Materials:
1. Two letters of recommendation from individuals testifying to the applicant’s interest in the Integral Program
2. A portfolio illustrating a commitment to inquiry based on the reading and discussion of primary texts. Applicants are invited to be inventive in constructing their portfolios.

Expectations:
The recipient must be an Integral major, and contribute actively to the department’s work. Such contributions might include assisting with the department website, assisting with student recruitment, and organizing departmental events.

English Department Scholarship
Application Materials:
1. Two letters of recommendation, one to be written by the applicant’s junior or senior year high school English teacher.
2. Two essays. One explain (<750 words) why the applicant wishes to major in English; the second (1000--1750 words) analyzing a literary text. Applicants may also include an example of their creative writing.
Expectations:
The recipient must major in English, and contribute to English Department activities. Such contributions might include assisting with the department website, working on the literary magazine, or helping to organize English Club events.

Politics Scholarship
Application Materials:
1. A letter of recommendation from an individual testifying to the applicant’s interest in politics
2. A personal essay (<750 words) addressing the applicant’s interest in politics and providing evidence in the form of personal experience, study, service, or career expectations

Expectations:
The recipient must major in politics and contribute actively to the Department’s work. Such contributions might include assisting faculty research and teaching activities and organizing department events.

The Louis LeFevre Scholarship for History Majors
Application Materials:
1. A list of history classes taken in high school including the titles of texts read in each class
2. Essay: <500 words addressing why you want to study history
3. Essay: <250 words describing your leadership ability experience
4. Two letters of recommendations from teachers with one from a history teacher.

Expectations:
The recipient must major in History and collaborate with faculty and students to facilitate participation and leadership in History Club activities and events