

William G. McGowan Scholarship

Introduction

Each year, the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund, Inc. funds one \$18,000 scholarship for a senior majoring in entrepreneurial studies.

Eligibility

The William G. McGowan Scholar at Xavier University will be a junior undergraduate majoring in entrepreneurial studies who is planning to stay at Xavier for his/her senior year (the 2009-2010 academic year). Only students who have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher will be eligible. The student must also demonstrate an outstanding academic record as well as entrepreneurial and leadership ability, and significant involvement in academic, campus and community activities.

Criteria

Applicants for the William G. McGowan Scholarship must prepare and submit the following documents:

- Copy of academic transcripts (evidence of GPA of 3.000 or better)
- Cover page with university name, student information and faculty sponsor signature (exact template available from WCB Undergraduate Office)
- Letter of reference/nomination from faculty member (forms available in WCB UG Office)
- Two Essays (students must submit a hard copy and an electronic copy)
 - (1) a 1,000-word essay on the contributions of William G. McGowan as an entrepreneur to the contemporary business world, and
 - (2) an essay clearly describing the student's potential and aspirations to transfer her/her academic knowledge into today's business world

This scholarship is not primarily based on need, but also on the characteristics listed below, with special evidence of the student's entrepreneurial characteristics, attributes and experiences. The committee will review applications according to the following criteria:

- Scholarship and talent
- Leadership qualities and character
- Evidence of innovation and entrepreneurship
- Academic, campus and community involvement

Service Requirement

The recipient of the William G. McGowan Scholars Award Committee will also be required to work 8-10 hours per week for the entrepreneurship program. Students will report to the Director of the Xavier Entrepreneurial Center for instruction and direction.

Award Value

The McGowan Scholarship will be coordinated with any other funding the recipient is receiving from federal, state or institutional sources so that tuition-restricted assistance does not exceed the cost of tuition. Applicants who have specific questions about how the McGowan Scholarship will affect their financial aid package should contact the financial aid office at 745-3142. This award will be forfeited if a McGowan Scholar transfers to another major or institution.

Deadline

Applications (and support documents) must be received no later than **4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 30**. Please submit these materials to Ms. Nancy Mazza, WCB Undergraduate Office, 2nd floor, Hailstones Hall. Please send electronic copies of your essays to Nancy Mazza at mazza@xavier.edu.

The committee will then recommend a scholarship recipient to the dean of the Williams College of Business. The dean will make the final decision on which applicant will become the William G. McGowan Scholar.

The winner will be announced in February 2009. The winner will also be recognized at Honor's Convocation in April 2009.