STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin, is offering scholarships to humanities scholarship competitors. Any scholarship funds received from the competition are in addition to a student’s academic scholarship.

The 2016 scholarship amounts are yet to be determined. In 2015, the following scholarships were awarded:

First place: $1,000 per year, automatically renewed each year (up to four years)*
Second and third places: $500 per year, automatically renewed each year (up to four years)*
Fourth–10th place: $250 scholarship (one-time scholarship)

*Scholarships are only renewable for full-time undergraduate students at Viterbo University. Students participating in the 3+1 program can only apply scholarship money while completing their undergraduate degree.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA

1. Applicants must be interested in pursuing an undergraduate major that prepares them for a career in the humanities including: English, history, broad field social studies, Spanish, religious studies, or philosophy. Applicants must be a high school senior and graduate in spring 2016.
2. All students must be admitted to Viterbo University. Only students invited to compete in the event will be eligible for scholarship funds.
3. Selected participants must be present for the entire event to compete for and receive their scholarship awards. The award ceremony will be held at the end of the competition day. (Of note, unclaimed scholarships will be awarded to the subsequent scholarship competitors. For example, if the third place scholarship is not claimed it will be awarded to the fourth place competitor. All subsequent competitors will move up one position as well.)
4. The competition will be evaluated based on the following: ACT/SAT score, high school GPA, extracurricular activities, and events on the day of the competition (writing prompt, small group discussions).

RETENTION CRITERIA

Scholarships awarded for first, second, and third places will be automatically renewed each year (up to four years) provided:
1. The recipient remains a full-time student at Viterbo University.
2. The recipient maintains a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.
3. The recipient maintains a major in one of the following areas: English, history, broad field social studies, Spanish, sustainability, religious studies, or philosophy.
4. The scholarship does not conflict with restrictions governing the recipient’s eligibility for state or federal financial aid.
5. Students participating in the 3+1 program can only apply scholarship money while completing their undergraduate degree.

APPLICATION

Instructions

Applicants will be notified of eligibility to compete by Feb. 15, 2016. The competition will be held on Viterbo University’s campus on Friday, Feb. 26, 2016.

• Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 5, 2016.
• Scholarship applicants must apply for admission to Viterbo University. Unless you have previously applied, complete an application for admission to Viterbo University online at www.viterbo.edu/apply.
• Submit a copy of your high school record/transcripts as well as a copy of either your ACT or SAT score with this application. Photocopies will be accepted. Your high school GPA must be included on a 4.0 scale.
Student Information
Name ________________________________________________________________________________________________
Address ______________________________________________________________________________________________
City _____________________________________________________  State ____________  Zip ___________________
Email ____________________________________________________  Phone ____________________________________
High school _______________________________________________________ Date of birth _______________________
Hometown newspaper __________________________________________________

Academic Information
Date of graduation ____________________________ ACT/SAT _______________________  GPA  ___________________
Major area of academic interest/career path ________________________________________________________________

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SIGNATURE AND DATE
Signature ___________________________________________  Date __________________

All applications and documents should be mailed to:  Viterbo University Admission Office
c/o Humanities Scholarship Committee
900 Viterbo Drive
La Crosse, WI 54601

If you have any questions or concerns, call 608-796-3100 or 1-800-VITERBO or email admission@viterbo.edu.