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Merit Scholarships at Universities and Colleges
Located in Delaware and Eastern Pennsylvania

The Spring 2007 Merit Scholarship newsletter featured colleges in western Pennsylvania, some of which offer some unusually generous merit scholarships. The newsletter can be viewed online at: http://academics.tjhsst.edu/careercenter/scholar.htm. This current issue features colleges in Delaware and eastern Pennsylvania, which offer merit awards in varying amounts: University of Delaware, Bucknell, Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Lafayette, and Lehigh University.

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General Information

Lafayette College
Lafayette has about 2,300 undergraduates, whose SAT-V scores range from 580 (25%ile) to 680 (75%ile) and SAT-M scores range from 610 (25%ile) to 710 (75%ile). Lafayette has Division 1 sports, and is known for its engineering and business programs.

University of Delaware
The University of Delaware has about 15,000 undergraduates, most of whom do not live in Delaware. Nonresident admitted students had SAT scores ranging from 1760 (25%ile) to 1960 (75%ile). The extensive Honors Program includes special honors courses, honors dorms, and other benefits. International applicants are eligible for merit awards and have special advisory programs. The University is known for its chemical engineering program, which is funded by DuPont.

Lehigh University
Lehigh University has about 4,700 undergraduates, whose SAT-V plus SAT-M scores range from 1290 (25%ile) to 1410 (75%ile). Lehigh has Division 1 sports, and is known for its engineering and business programs.

Franklin & Marshall College
Franklin & Marshall College has about 2,000 undergraduates whose SAT-V scores range from 580 (25%ile) to 670 (75%ile), and SAT-M scores range from 600 (25%ile) to 690 (75%ile). Located in Lancaster, it is known for natural sciences and business.

Bucknell University
Bucknell has about 3,500 undergraduates whose SAT-V scores range from 600 (25%ile) to 680 (75%ile) and SAT-M scores range from 630 (25%ile) to 710 (75%ile). Located in Lewisburg, Bucknell is known for its engineering and management programs.

Gettysburg College
Known for its history and English departments, Gettysburg College has about 2,400 undergraduates, whose SAT-V plus SAT-M scores range from 1220 (25%ile) to 1360 (75%ile).

Dickinson College
Known for its focus on international studies, Dickinson College has about 2,400 undergraduates, whose SAT-V plus SAT-M scores range from 1220 (25%ile) to 1360 (75%ile).
Lafayette College
- About 15% of entering students receive Marquis Scholarships ($16,000/year) or Trustee Scholarships ($8,000/year) based on academic excellence (grades, 1400+ SAT scores, and other).
- Marquis Scholars receive a 3-week study abroad course during interim session, plus special programs with faculty.
- Marquis and Trustee Scholars can live with a faculty mentor in McKelvy House, a 19th century mansion, or Reeder House.

University of Delaware
- Must apply by December 1 to be eligible for merit scholarships, which are awarded to about 25% of entering students.
- Extensive and comprehensive Honors Program for about 450 entering students, who may take special small honors classes, live in honors dorms, and audition for free private music lessons even if they do not major in music.
- Students admitted to the Honors Program have GPAs ranged from 3.76 (25%ile) to 4.0 (75%ile) and SAT scores ranging from 1970 (25%ile) to 2120 (75%ile). See the college web site for information about Honors Program students and their qualifications.
- 10-12 DuPont Distinguished Scholar Awards include tuition, room, board and books.

Franklin & Marshall College
- About 25% of incoming students receive merit scholarships.
- National Merit Finalists receive an additional $10,000 merit scholarship, on top of other awards, if they name Franklin & Marshall as their first choice.
- Rouse Scholars receive full tuition and books.
- Marshall Scholars who are National Merit Semifinalists receive $18,500.
- Marshall Scholars who are not National Merit Semifinalists receive $12,500.
- Rouse and Marshall Scholars also receive a computer and can apply for a $3,000 project grant.
- Presidential Scholars (academic excellence) receive $7,500/year.
- Buchanan Scholars (community service leadership) receive $5,000.

Bucknell College
- About $1.5 million per class is allocated to “above need” or “no need” awards, including 6 basketball scholarships.
- Most of that $1.5 million is used to provide larger scholarship awards (“above need”) to exceptional students who qualify for financial aid.
- About $150,000 is awarded to about 12-15 exceptional students who do not qualify for any financial aid.
- No-need awards of $2,500 to $10,000 for arts scholars, $12,000 for Presidential Fellows and $10,000 for Dean's Scholars.

Other Pennsylvania Colleges and Universities
Pennsylvania has several highly selective colleges and universities that do not offer merit scholarships but do provide need-based aid, such as Bryn Mawr College, Haverford College and the University of Pennsylvania. Swarthmore College has a very small number of special scholarships, which replace financial aid loans with grants, and/or offer research grants and more extensive contact with faculty and other mentors.

Lehigh University
- Asa Packer Scholars receive $15,000/year, and are selected based on academic excellence and leadership.
- Dean's Scholars receive $10,000/year and are selected based on academic excellence and leadership.
- Graduating seniors with a 3.75+ GPA may take courses towards a second bachelor's degree or a master's degree for free.
- Roy Eckardt College Scholars are "especially qualified" and engage in advanced coursework and faculty-supervised research.
- Air Products Scholars for students of color majoring in engineering include $10,000/year and summer internships.
- Baker Gifted Arts Scholars receive $3,000/year for excellence in music (instrumental or choral) or theatre.

Dickinson College
- John Dickinson Scholars receive $15,000/year.
- Rush Scholars receive $12,500/year.
- Montgomery Scholars receive $7,500/year.
- National Merit Finalists who designate Dickinson as their first-choice college receive an additional $2,000/year.

Gettysburg College
- Presidential Scholars (academic achievement and other accomplishments) receive $13,500/year.
- Dean's Scholars (academic achievement and other accomplishments) receive $8,500/year.
- Sunderman Scholars (music majors) receive up to $10,000/year.
- Wagnild Scholars (music) receive up to $8,500/year.