Martin Family Foundation Scholarships

In collaboration with
UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON
Agenda

- Martin Achievement Scholarship Details
- Martin Honors Scholarship Details
- Application components & advice
- Tips for searching and applying competitively for any scholarships
Martin Foundation & Scholar Perspective

> Benn & Claribel Martin
  – Benn: civil engineer, worked on water & sewer treatment plants for west coast cities, including Seattle. Educated at NYU and UW, and took classes at community colleges throughout his life.
  – Claribel: parole officer in SF, dedicated her career to helping people rebuild their lives from troubled beginnings.

> Benn’s Vision
  – Impressed by community college systems and students.
  – Particularly interested in assisting students who have had a positive impact in their community.
  – Created the Martin Family Foundation and allied with UW.

> Board members are Benn & Claribel’s friends & scholarship program alumni.
Two Scholarships

**Martin Achievement Scholarship**
Apply this year if you will still be enrolled at your CC for 2023-24 and looking forward to applying to UW Seattle for 2024-25
Open annually in January-early April

**Martin Honors Scholarship**
Apply in spring if you are transferring to UW Seattle for 2023-24
Open annually May-early July
Basic Eligibility Requirements

> Washington State residents who meet any one of the following three categories:

   – US citizens, or US Permanent Residents, or Eligible for in-state tuition through HB 1079 or DACA qualification.

   – For additional information about HB 1079 or DACA standards qualification, please visit https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa and please read about UW’s requirements.

> Get to know UW residency requirements!

2022 Martin Achievement Scholars: Anaelsin Lopez, Arian Ariaye, Christopher Kleeves, Linh Nguyen
Martin Achievement Scholarship

> Apply while still at the community college for one more year
> Students from all community colleges in WA are eligible!
> Must have earned at least 15 CC credits
> Exceptional ability in science, humanities, music art and/or leadership
> Award contingent on admission to UW
> $5,000 for final year at community college, and
> $12,000/year for up to 3 years at UW
> Flexible use of funds

2021 Martin Achievement Scholars: Clarissa Perez, MJ Mencias, Mussie Tsegay, Mya Leonhard, René Capella
Martin Honors Scholarship

- Apply summer immediately before transfer (or before 18 credits earned at UW).
- Must have earned at least 36 credits at any WA community college by matriculation.
- Strength of character, intellectual ability, and sense of purpose
- Expected to have well-formulated ideas about the direction of future studies and subsequent careers.

Award: contingent upon admission to UW

- $12,000/year for up to 3 years at UW
- Flexible use of funds
Martin Scholarship Applications

> Online application:
  – basic biographical and educational information, 4 short response questions
> Current unofficial transcripts from all community colleges/universities attended
> A Curriculum Vitae or activities resume listing honors, awards, scholarships, service, research, work experience, etc., and
> Two letters of recommendation:
  – At least one from a faculty member addressing your intellectual curiosity and potential.
  – The other can be written by someone able to address your capabilities and volunteer/community involvement.

2020 Martin Achievement Scholars: Cassie Starr, Allegra Keys, Kayla Pezolano, Sam Ayars
What are the two most significant courses you have taken at the community college in preparation for your career? Briefly explain why these courses were most significant? (500 words)

Describe an activity or experience that has been important in shaping, clarifying, and/or strengthening your motivation to pursue an undergraduate degree in your proposed field of study. Why do you think this particular activity or experience influenced you? (500 words)

Describe a recent particularly satisfying experience or activity at either work, community service, or with your family (do not repeat the experience described in the previous question). (600 words)

What additional personal information do you wish to share with the Martin Scholarship Review Committee? (500 words)
Martin Achievement Interviews

- Internal campus review & identification of candidates to interview
- Interviews in May with Martin Foundation Board Members (friends of Benn & Claribel & alumni Scholars)

- Review your application
- Practice
- Be yourself!
Martin Honors Process

> Application Period: May-July
> Additional essay component in August
> Interviews with the Board in early September

2020-2022 Martin Honors Scholars: Axel Rochel, Carlos Morales, Shayne Jones, Harry Furey-Soper, Susan Muthoni, Audrey Santoyo, Camila Christensen, Morel Takougang
For More Information

> Martin Scholarships Website: http://expd.uw.edu/scholarships/martin
> Martin Achievement Application: https://expd.uw.edu/expo/scholarships/martinachievement
> Martin Honors Application: https://expd.uw.edu/expo/scholarships/martinfamily

> 2023 Deadlines:
  – Martin Achievement: April 6, 2023
  – Martin Honors: July 3, 2023
Additional Scholarship Resources

> UW Office of Merit Scholarships, Fellowships & Awards
  - Searchable database of scholarships: https://expd.uw.edu/expo/scholarships
  - Lists of additional search tools: http://expd.uw.edu/scholarships/search-for-scholarships/tools/
  - Scholarship guides: https://expd.uw.edu/scholarships/scholarship-search/lists/
  - Workshops, info sessions, tips: http://expd.uw.edu/scholarships/
  - Facebook, Instagram, email list for scholarship notices
  - Scholarship advising and support once at UW

> Examples of additional scholarships to consider:
  - Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship: http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/undergraduate-transfer/
  - Udall Undergraduate Scholarship: https://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship/Scholarship.aspx
  - Truman Scholarship: https://www.truman.gov
Developing Your Candidacy

What can I do to become more competitive for any scholarships?

> Maintain a good G.P.A., but it’s not the only thing that matters
  – Scholarships selection committees are generally looking for your future potential as evidenced by your past achievements and engagements.

> Get involved with community service and extracurricular activities that match your interests, passions (internships, research, volunteering, etc.)

> Work and family obligations count!
  – Working in your school, summer employment, internships
  – Work that will provide you with transferable skills and insights into what you like and don’t like to do
  – Family obligations: why those are important to you, how they influence your academic interests/goals/trajectory
Defining Your Search

Use search terms and timelines to guide your search

> Search terms:
  – Use categories and search terms to define your search, but not to limit it.
  – Example: Sophomore intended Biology major who wants to study abroad can look for general scholarships, Biology-specific scholarships, study abroad-specific scholarships, scholarships related to their community and other involvements, etc.

> Timelines:
  – Finding, applying and learning outcomes takes awhile
  – Plan to apply 6-18 months in advance of when you plan to use the funds
  – Fall is national scholarship deadline season; winter/spring is local scholarship deadline season
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Decide to Try and Apply!

“How competitive is this scholarship?

> FACT: Only students who apply for scholarships, are selected for scholarships

> STRATEGY: Instead of thinking about how competitive a scholarship is, consider how competitive YOU are for a scholarship

> FACT: It takes practice

> STRATEGY: Apply for scholarships all along the way
Stay in Touch!

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