

## Fellowships Program Information Sheet – Beinecke Scholarship

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Section	Brief description	More information
<b>1. Award</b>	The Beinecke Scholarship is a prestigious award made to undergraduates during their junior year who demonstrate strong academic commitment and interest in pursuing graduate level education. Recipients receive \$34,000 to be used for graduate school. “The program seeks to encourage and enable highly motivated students to pursue opportunities available to them and to be courageous in the selection of a graduate course of study in the arts, humanities and social sciences.” Graduate study may be in any accredited university, in the US or abroad. Program participants are encouraged to pursue their studies immediately after graduation and are given a five-year period after completion of their baccalaureate degree to utilize the Beinecke award.	<a href="#">Beinecke Homepage</a> <a href="#">Beinecke Conditions</a> Applicants with professional school plans should have strong liberal arts backgrounds or well developed career plans.
<b>2. Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This program is open to US citizens and US nationals. ‘Applications are accepted only from current juniors.</li> <li>Applicants need a high GPA (3.7+) to be considered for Beinecke.</li> <li>Students must plan to enter a master’s or doctoral program in a field in the arts, humanities, or social sciences (omitting neuroscience).</li> <li>Applicants must have a documented history of receiving need-based financial aid during their undergraduate years. The extent of financial need (with most emphasis on grant aid, not loans) will be a selection criterion.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Student Eligibility</a>
<b>3. Timing</b>	Interested students are encouraged to express interest and establish communication with the Fellowships Program in spring semester of sophomore year in order to apply in fall of junior year.	<a href="#">Nomination Deadline</a>
<b>4. Selection Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The foundation seeks Beinecke Scholars with “exceptional promise” and the potential to be successful in graduate school and beyond. Awardees will have demonstrated superior standards of intellectual ability, scholastic achievement and personal promise during their undergraduate careers. Candidates should have research experience or equivalent individual creative work.</li> <li>Preference is given to candidates for whom the awarding of a scholarship would significantly increase the likelihood of the student’s being able to attend graduate school.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">How to Apply</a>  ~135 colleges and universities are invited to nominate one candidate each to compete for 20 awards per year.
<b>5. Smith Role</b>	Smith may nominate <b>only one</b> student for the Beinecke. Therefore, students are encouraged to express their interest in the award or faculty to nominate their students early in the spring semester of sophomore year. Even if not selected as Beinecke nominee, the planning and discussions about the possibility will benefit students by clarifying graduate school aims and forming the basis for discussion of other fellowships and ways of making those plans come about.	
<b>6. Fun fact(s)</b>	8 Smithies have been Beinecke Scholars, most recently Angela Acosta ’17 (Iberian Studies) and Sarah-Neel Smith ’07 (Art History).	
<b>7. How to get started</b>	Given the specific requirements of this award, reach out early to express your interest to and ask your questions of a fellowships adviser.	Contact <a href="mailto:fellowships@smith.edu">fellowships@smith.edu</a> with expressions of interest or to nominate students.