

Application for Scholarships in History

Milton Plesur Scholarships. Full-time history majors who have compiled **outstanding records in history** are eligible to apply for a Plesur Scholarship, named after Professor Milton Plesur (1927-87) who devoted his career to teaching UB students and bequeathed his estate to the university. Awards will be made to students who can demonstrate the most serious interest in and commitment to History as evidenced by academic record, extra-curricular activities, and career plans. The awards vary each year depending on the number of qualified applicants and range in amount from \$ 1,000 to \$ 3,000. A sophomore awardee who continues to compile an excellent record in his or her junior year may reapply for a second year of support for the senior year.

Bryan G. Argo Memorial Scholarship. History majors who are **residents of Niagara or Erie county**, are full-time students in their junior year who also **work at least part-time**, have compiled an over-all grade point average of at least 3.0, and submit a letter of reference from a current teacher or civic or spiritual leader attesting to their **family values, integrity, and personal achievements** are eligible to apply for the Bryan G. Argo Memorial Scholarship. This award is made each year through the generosity of the family and friends of Bryan Argo, a History student who was devoted to family and friends, believed strongly in continuing education, and whose promising life was tragically cut short by a traffic accident.

Joyce J. and John D. Milligan and Family Scholarships. History majors from **underrepresented minorities** with good academic credentials and good personal characteristics (attitude, personality, citizenship, and leadership) are eligible for two annual scholarships, one for a prospective junior and one for a prospective senior. These awards are made available through the generosity of John D. Milligan, a long-time History Department faculty member, his wife Joyce who served the Department as a secretary, their daughter Jacqueline, a dedicated teacher of English as a Second Language at UB, and two other daughters, Elizabeth and Polla, both residents of Buffalo. Preference will be given to African-American students from Western New York who have financial need. The junior awardee may apply for the senior award. In recent years awards have been of several thousand dollars.

Deadline for application March 15th
Please return to 540 Park Hall, Undergraduate History Office

Check which scholarship(s) you are applying for:

Milton Plesur Scholarship _____

Bryan G. Argo Memorial Scholarship _____

Joyce J. and John D. Milligan and Family Scholarship _____

Personal Information:

Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Person #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Permanent Address: _____
and Street City State Zip

Permanent Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Local Address: _____
and Street/Campus City State Zip

Local Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Are you a New York State resident? _____

Academic Information:

Current Level: Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Overall number of credit hours

completed as of application due date: _____

GPA: _____

Number of credit hours in History **completed**: _____

History GPA: _____

Expected Date of Graduation _____

All Scholarships Require a Personal Statement:

Attach a typewritten statement that demonstrates your serious interest in the study of history. Issues to address should include: the basis for your interest in history, academic and non-academic activities which demonstrate your commitment to the discipline of History and the larger community, and your future career plans. Also, pay attention to the criteria of the particular scholarships for which you are applying. Statements should be at least a page in length, but no more than 3 double-spaced, typewritten pages. **One statement can serve for multiple scholarships.**

For Those Applying for the Milton Plesur Scholarship the following is required:

1. Personal Statement: See above description.
2. Two letters of Recommendation from History faculty (see attached forms). Indicate the names of faculty members providing recommendations:

1. _____ 2. _____

For Those Applying for the Bryan G. Argo Scholarship the following is required:

1. Personal Statement: See above description. Also describe your work status and your values that make you suited for the Argo award.
2. Current Employer: _____
Employer's Address: _____
Job title: _____
Number of hours worked per week _____
3. Letter of Recommendation from a current teacher or civic or spiritual leader attesting to the applicant's family values, integrity, and personal achievements.
Name of Recommender: _____

For Those Applying for the Joyce J. and John D. Milligan and Family Scholarships the following is required:

1. Personal Statement: See above description. Be sure to focus on the academic and personal characteristics that make you suited for the Milligan scholarship.

* A NOTE ON RECOMMENDATIONS: If you are applying for multiple scholarships, the number of recommendations you must turn in is for the scholarship with the largest number required. For example, if you are applying for both the Milton Plesur and the Bryan G. Argo Scholarships, the number of recommendations needed would be two. If you are applying only for the Argo, then you would need one.

* In addition to the application, personal statement, and letters of recommendation required in the packet, applicants must be prepared to supply transcripts from colleges they have attended other than the University at Buffalo.

Certification: I certify that the above information and information given in the attached personal statement is correct.

Signature

Date

University at Buffalo
Department of History

**History Department Scholarships
Recommendation Form**

Student's Name: _____

Student's waiver of Right to Access of Confidential Statements

"I have asked _____ to write a letter of recommendation for me in support of my application for a History Department scholarship. I hereby waive my right to inspect the letter which appears on this form and attachments of continuation. I understand I am not required by the institution to waive that right."

Student's Signature

Date

I am applying for the following scholarship(s):

_____ Plesur Scholarship

_____ Argo Scholarship

_____ Milligan Scholarship

TO THE RECOMMENDER: We would appreciate your opinion regarding the student's qualifications for a History Department scholarship. We would especially like to know about the student's interest in and potential for the study of History and any relevant academic and personal achievements. If more space is needed, please write on an additional sheet and attach it to this form. Letters are due March 15th.

Recommender's Signature

Date

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Department of History, Undergraduate Office, 540 Park Hall, North Campus, Buffalo, NY 14260-4130

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