



STAMPS SCHOLARS

A Community for Exceptional Student Leaders



STAMPS FOUNDATION

- **Our mission:** The Stamps Family Charitable Foundation partners with visionary colleges and universities to award multi-year scholarships that enable extraordinary educational experiences.



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- **Our vision:** To build a nationally prestigious merit-based scholarship program that supports exceptional students as they become leaders throughout society.



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- Started in 2006: 28 students at 2 schools.
- This fall: 920 students at 41 schools. Adding 215 students, chosen from 400k+ applicants. Graduated 453 thus far. 97% retention.
- Engagement: biennial convention, conferences, on-line communities, speaker series.
- No obligations, but one request: stay in touch.



NATIONAL CONVENTION

Held every other year, 4th gathering will be in Atlanta next April.

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- Penny and Roe Stamps started Foundation in 1986.
- Varied grants gained sharp focus after gift in 2000 to GT President's Scholars.
- Expect to make grants of ~\$16 million in 2016-17, to be matched by schools.
- Not seeking new partners...



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GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

- Stamps Scholarship is the chief merit-based recruiting tool for finding scholars and leaders
- Pillars of *Scholarship, Leadership, "Progress and Service"*
- Eligibility: GT's early action application, semifinal interview, and individual + group final interview





- Welcome and Orientation
 - Group retreat, leadership “Tech Treks,” introductory fall course
- Programming
 - Student led, professor-guided annual retreats
 - Leadership development, service events, scholarly discussions
- Social
 - Scholar gatherings including a reception with Stamps benefactors
 - Family weekend tailgate and other events with (Stamps) schools
- Faculty sponsored enrichment
 - study abroad, conferences, unpaid internships, unpaid research



UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

- The Stamps Scholars Program
 - **www.leadersandbest.umich.edu/stamps**
 - Established in 2006 in the Office of Financial Aid
 - 70 Stamps Scholars fall 2016; 119 alumni
 - Scholarship funding totals the full cost of attendance
 - Students from six schools and colleges (s/c) which admit freshmen
 - Scholarship follows student if they transfer to another s/c within UM that admits sophomores or juniors, e. g.
 - Stephen M. Ross School of Business
 - School of Education
 - Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy



SELECTION PROCESS

- Selection Process
 - Using the Common Application, (s/c) recommend potential Stamps Scholars to the Office of Enrollment Management
 - Students with stellar credentials are considered
 - No separate application for the Stamps Scholarship
 - The Office of Enrollment Management, in consultation with the s/c, considers applications and selects the students by the end of January
 - For the fall of 2016, 22 high school seniors were offered the Stamps Scholarship and 16 accepted.
 - Nearly 75% take rate
 - Lost students to Stanford (3), Harvard, Penn and Williams



RECRUITMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

- Spring Recruitment Weekend
 - In 2016 UM held first recruitment weekend
 - Increase the take rate
 - Previously had been 50%;
 - Invite parents to parts of the weekend
 - Scheduled interactions between the high school seniors and
 - Current Stamps Scholars
 - Admissions/scholarship staff from each s/c
 - Faculty
 - Campus community and activities
 - Timing issues with admissions decisions, Winter Break and religious holidays



TRANSITION INTO THE MICHIGAN STAMPS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

- Late August Stamps Scholars retreat
 - Freshmen
 - Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores
- Labor Day mentoring activities
- Challenge Program in September
- Objectives of these programs
 - Freshmen learn what it means to be a Michigan Stamps Scholar
 - Enrichment program
 - Form bonds between
 - Freshmen class
 - Freshmen class and other Stamps students



ANNUAL EVENTS

- Fall breakfast with the Stamps family – UM football Saturday
 - Freshmen first for 45 minutes
 - Doors open for seniors, juniors and sophomores
 - If on a Parents' Weekend, families are invited to attend
- January Stamps Scholars Society Elections
 - Each board position will have at least two students
 - Encourage freshmen to run for positions
- Etiquette Dinners – held every other year
- Community service projects and social events
 - ASB
 - Projects and social events organized by UM Stamps Scholars
 - Stamps Day of Service – include high school seniors
- Senior dinner with the Stamps family
 - Held in an Ann Arbor restaurant
 - Seniors make individual gifts to charitable organizations
 - Seniors given graduation stoles and medallions

FALL BREAKFAST



DETROIT PARTNERSHIP DAY



ASB NOLA





ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

- Amount increased from \$5K to \$10K in 2016
- How funds may be used
 - Study abroad
 - Research and Internships
 - Community service
- Process to receive funding
- Enrichment fund usage through 2016
 - 20 of 22 seniors (90.1%)
 - 18 of 19 juniors (94.7)
 - 11 of 17 sophomores (64.7)
 - 4 of 18 freshmen (22.2%)

STUDY ABROAD: FRANCE





ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER STAMPS PROGRAMS

- Meeting other Stamps Scholars while on ASB programs
 - Washington D. C.
 - University of Pittsburgh
 - St. Louis
 - Washington University
 - NOLA
 - Miami Universtiy
 - University of Mississippi
 - LSU
- Regional conferences
- Contacts made through Stamps National Conventions



IN THEIR OWN WORDS: STAMPS AT MICHIGAN

- “Stamps should be synonymous with leadership. Fearless and daring. Stunning and Brilliant. That is what the Stamps are about. Once again, thank you both for your tremendous role in all of our lives here at UM. We love you so much.”

Sheng (Shane) Dong, Stamps Treasurer; Class of 2018



PURDUE UNIVERSITY

- Purdue University became a proud partner of the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation in 2011.
- The Honors College directs the Purdue Stamps Scholars Program including recruitment and selection of new scholars.
- In fall 2016, 28 Purdue Stamps Scholars will receive full cost of attendance scholarships from the Purdue-Stamps Foundation partnership.

SELECTION



- The review committee of faculty, staff and 1 current Purdue Stamps Scholar performs a holistic review of written application materials.
- The holistic review includes consideration of high school GPA, test scores, rigor of high school curriculum, activities/engagement/leadership, and essays.
- The committee selects Stamps nominees based not only on their outstanding academic performance, but also by their community engagement, leadership activities, and the potential to be leaders on campus and active members of the Stamps national network.

ENRICHMENT FUNDS: SCHOLAR DEVELOPMENT

- To support extraordinary academic/educational aspirations of the scholars beyond the typical college experience including but not limited to activities such as summer research internships, professional academic conferences to present research posters, Purdue study abroad programs
- To become transformative scholars and leaders in their communities, guided by the 4 pillars of the Purdue Honors College



COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS

- Purdue Stamps Executive Board plans and organizes the programming offered to the scholars throughout the academic year.
- Annual traditions: Back to School Dinner and End of the Year BBQ/Picnic
- New in 2016! Igniting Curiosity: A Stamps Symposium





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THE NOTRE DAME STAMPS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- The Notre Dame Stamps Scholars Program seeks to attract exceptional students who exemplify leadership, service, innovation, and character. Each year, up to ten admitted students are named Stamps Scholars.
- Notre Dame Stamps Scholars receive full tuition and fees annually for up to four years of undergraduate study.
- Recipients also have access to an enrichment fund of \$12,000 during their enrollment.



PROGRAM PROMOTION AND SELECTION

- Notre Dame's program participation is promoted on its web site and in selected recruitment publications, presentations, and messages.
- Currently, only admitted students are invited to participate in the selection process.
- Invited students are considered our most competitive to enroll.
- Students are interviewed by the University's Enrollment Division and Stamps Family Foundation for final selection.



RECIPIENT NOTIFICATION AND AWARD

- After successful completion of interviews, recipients are made aware of awards by Director of Merit Scholarship Programs – phone call, email, and formal correspondence.
- Financial Aid Notifications (FANs) acknowledge scholarship award and sent in mid-March through early April.
- University also meets 100% of students' full demonstrated financial need.



WELCOME TO NOTRE DAME!

- All incoming students participate in a group
Outward Bound Experience -

- Rafting
- Canoeing



ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

- Beginning of the Year Reception – Vice President, Undergraduate Affairs.
- Social Events – Speed dating, musicals, plays, pumpkin carving, ice cream socials, Digital Visualization Theater (DVT), baseball games, Sunday brunch.
- Leadership Presentations – Institutional vice presidents and leaders.
- Service Projects – Bowman Creek, Habitat for Humanity, and Unity Gardens.





ENRICHMENT FUNDING REQUESTS

- Funds can be used for study abroad trips, undergraduate research, internships, academic or co-curricular experiences, and other purposes for personal growth and enrichment.

- Description of desired educational enrichment activity and/or learning resource(s) (supporting documentation, including promotional materials, is recommended)
- Purpose of enrichment experience and/or learning resource(s)
- Relationship of requested activity and/or learning resource(s) to personal academic area of interest
- Scope and/or depth of experience and/or engagement with learning resource
- Cost of enrichment activity (program and/or product) include all additional costs (i.e., travel, living expenses, etc.)
- Expected educational outcome(s) from investment (i.e., what is the return on investment?)

- Submissions must be made one month before desired activity.

After each event, students report the outcomes of the enrichment activity, including:

- A summative narrative of the enrichment experience
- Attained educational outcomes from the enrichment experience
- A budget summary (including receipts)

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

- Study Abroad experiences including Spain, India, Greece, Germany, Italy, Israel, and England.
- Participation at conferences, seminars, and selected events including Migrant Experiences, Camino Pilgrimage, Appalachia Service Project, Atlantis Project, Global Renewable Energy Education Network.
- Travel and performance with Notre Dame's Folk Choir and Glee Club.
- Voice and guitar lessons.





FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- Placement of all Notre Dame Merit Scholarship Programs under one umbrella – including the Notre Dame Stamps Scholarship.
- Shared application for merit scholarship programs.



THANK YOU

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