

THE Schottland

Business Leadership Award

WASHINGTON COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Applications due Thursday, March 26, 2009

The Washington College Department of Business Management is pleased to announce a major student prize, the Schottland Business Leadership Award. This award is meant to identify and develop future U.S. business leaders. The award is presented annually by the Department of Business Management to a Washington College senior who has demonstrated outstanding academic ability and leadership potential. The award's monetary value is \$15,000.

Award Provisions

- \$15,000 prize (\$5,000 cash award plus \$10,000 tuition credit), awarded by the Department of Business Management to an outstanding WC senior in any major.
- The tuition award may be used to cover tuition expenses for an accredited business school entered after at least two years of employment in a participating or approved company.
- Assistance in exploring employment opportunities with participating companies (or another company chosen by the student and approved by the selection committee as a sound preparation for graduate business studies).
- Two additional finalists will each receive a \$1,000 cash award.

Eligibility for Application

Students who have completed 96 credit hours with an overall grade point average of 3.2 or better, and who will graduate in May 2009 with the intention of entering the world of business and enrolling in an MBA (or Business M.S.) program within two to three years of graduation. This award is not restricted to majors or minors in the Department of Business Management.

Application Forms

Available from Mrs. Christy Rowan, Business Management Department faculty secretary (Daly 204) and online at <http://business.washcoll.edu/opportunities.php>.

Application Deadline

Thursday, March 26 (including letters of reference) to Mrs. Rowan

Schottland Business Leadership Award Criteria

The Schottland Award will be given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding business leadership skills at Washington College, and who has also demonstrated the potential to develop the leadership skills necessary to foster innovation and excellence in the United States business community. To be selected, a student must be:

- Seeking a career in corporate America
- Highly motivated to be a leader
- Highly proficient in oral and written communication
- An active participant in extracurricular activities
- Of high moral character
- An American citizen, or actively seeking citizenship
- Willing to commit to at least two years employment and timely completion of a business graduate degree.

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Application cover sheet

Applicant's name _____

Date: _____ Social security number: _____

Local address: _____ Telephone: _____

Permanent address: _____ Telephone: _____

U.S. citizen (yes or no): _____ If not, intention to become a citizen (yes or no): _____

Expected date of graduation: _____ Total college hours completed: _____

Overall GPA: _____

Major: _____ Major GPA: _____

Minor: _____ Minor GPA: _____

Your completed application packet should include:

- A transcript
- A résumé with information on extracurricular activities, work, and volunteer experience
- Three references (at least one from a Washington College faculty member)
- An essay demonstrating your personal academic motivation
- An essay on the importance of leadership to American business and American society

Finalists will be interviewed before the award recipient is selected.

I understand that if I receive the Schottland Business Leadership Award, I will prepare a final report for the Department of Business Management and return to the Washington College campus for a presentation.

Signed: _____

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Reference form

Name of applicant: _____

I waive / do not waive my right to see this reference's comments. Signed:

Name of reference: _____

Title and organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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5: Excellent; 4: Good; 3: Average; 2: Below average; 1: Very poor; NS: Not sure.

Rating	Area
_____	Knowledge of the competitive environment of business
_____	Motivation
_____	Oral communication skills
_____	Written communication skills
_____	Social skills
_____	Reasoning ability
_____	Quantitative skills
_____	Team-building skills
_____	Time management
_____	Character
_____	Imagination
_____	Leadership potential

Please provide some brief comments about the applicant: How long and in what capacity have you known him or her? What do you perceive as his or her strengths and weaknesses? How suitable is the applicant for the Schottland Award? Please use the back of this reference form, or attach your comments in a separate sheet. You may return to the applicant, or send directly to Prof. Susan Vowels, Interim Chair, Department of Business Management, Washington College, 300 Washington Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620. All materials are due by March 26, 2009.

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