



Distinguished Scholar Awards

The Distinguished Scholars Weekend provides the opportunity to compete for the premiere merit scholarships at the University of Delaware: *Alumni Scholar*, *Alison Scholar*, *1743 Scholar*, *Telkes Scholar*, *Stark Scholar*, and *Eugene du Pont Scholar* awards. Each award covers four years of undergraduate study and has its own history and benefits. Scholarships are awarded with immense care and exemplify a significant honor from the University of Delaware. **All Distinguished Scholars** receive:

- special assistance with academic planning from the Honors Program staff (double/triple majors, double degrees, international study, and Dean's Scholar Programs).
- priority registration for courses.
- Distinguished Scholars community activities sponsored by the Honors Program (some examples include the Distinguished Scholars Forum course offered each semester with different topics, monthly dinners, and *Quip* mini-magazine & newsletter).

Included below are the specifics about each Distinguished Scholar Award.

Francis Alison Scholars

Francis Alison Scholars are a group of students who have broad intellectual enthusiasms for the arts, humanities, and social sciences. Alison Scholars are named in honor of the Reverend Francis Alison, a highly respected Delaware scholar and founder of the New London Academy, which later became UD. In addition to the Distinguished Scholar benefits, Alison Scholars receive:

- a scholarship of \$28,000 for non-residents and \$12,000 for Delaware residents for four years of study.
- some flexibility in breadth (general education) requirements. Course substitutions are approved to allow ambitious students to move more quickly into upper-division coursework, facilitating interesting combinations of double majors, majors and minors, and, in some cases, concurrent bachelor's and master's degrees.*

**Eugene du Pont Scholars majoring in the arts, humanities and social sciences may also be named Alison Scholars in the first year to take advantage of this curricular opportunity.*

Alumni Scholars

The University of Delaware Alumni Association, with funds from its affiliation with Bank of America and its affinity program, created the Alumni Scholars Program in 1998. Alumni Scholars are selected for their academic promise in a wide variety of disciplines. They are also selected for their potential leadership contributions, both on campus and after graduation. Alumni around the world are proud to support this scholarship to reaffirm their affiliation with the University. In addition to the Distinguished Scholar benefits, Alumni Scholars receive:

- a scholarship of \$28,000 for non-residents and \$12,000 for Delaware residents for four years of study;
- \$375 each fall and spring semester for textbooks;
- a one-time study abroad grant of up to \$3,000;
- a one-time award of up to \$2,000 for a qualifying Alumni Enrichment Award project. Alumni Enrichment Awards are available for an activity or project that enriches one's academic experience at UD.

Eugene du Pont Scholars

Eugene du Pont Scholars are outstanding students who exhibit an interest in enhancing both academic and student life at Delaware. The Eugene du Pont Scholarship program was founded in 1980 from an endowment created in 1939 by Amy E. du Pont in honor of her father, a scientist who led the DuPont Company from 1889-1902. This is the premier scholarship offered by UD. Eugene du Pont Scholars are chosen because of their potential to be leaders at UD and beyond. They are expected to make significant contributions to the academic and extracurricular excellence of the University. Many of UD's prestigious scholarship winners (Rhodes, Marshall, Truman) have been Eugene du Pont Scholars. In addition to the Distinguished Scholar benefits, Eugene du Pont Scholars receive:

- a scholarship covering tuition for four years of study;
- room, board, and fees on campus for four years;
- \$375 each fall and spring semester to be used toward textbooks;
- one grant of \$2,500 to be used toward an approved enrichment activity;

Lewis Lewin Stark Scholars

Lewis Lewin Stark Scholars were created, and are partially funded, through an endowment by Walter and Linda L. Stark in recognition of UD alumnus Leonard Stark's grandparents. Len graduated from UD in 1991 with undergraduate Honors Degrees in political science and economics and a master's degree in European History. As a Rhodes Scholar, Len earned a D.Phil. in British Politics from Oxford in 1993, and received his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1996. Len currently works for the U.S. Federal Court as a U.S. District Court Judge. Lewis Lewin Stark Scholars recognize outstanding leadership and academic potential in a range of disciplines. In addition to the Distinguished Scholar benefits, Stark Scholars receive:

- a scholarship of \$28,000 for non-residents and \$12,000 for Delaware residents for four years of study;

Telkes Scholars

Telkes Scholars are selected for their potential for research, innovation, and discovery in areas such as natural sciences, business, and the health sciences. Telkes Scholars are named in honor of Maria Telkes, a University of Delaware scientist known as the "Sun Queen" for her pioneering solar energy research. These scholars will honor UD's advances of the past while exploring and creating opportunities for the future. In addition to the Distinguished Scholar benefits, Telkes Scholars receive:

- a scholarship of \$28,000 for non-residents and \$12,000 for Delaware residents for four years of study;

1743 Scholars

1743 Scholars are named in honor of the University's longstanding traditions and history. The University is one of the oldest institutions in the country and traces its founding to the Rev. Francis Alison's small private academy founded in 1743. Three members of the initial graduating class were signers of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. 1743 Scholars have academic interests in a variety of disciplines. In addition to the Distinguished Scholar benefits, 1743 Scholars receive:

- a scholarship of \$22,000 for non-residents and \$10,000 for Delaware residents for four years of study.