Bone Scholarship Nominee Workshop

Tuesday, February 12; 4 – 5 pm
Wednesday, February 13; 4 – 5 pm
Friday, February 15; 2 – 3 pm

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Our time together...

- What is the Bone Scholarship?
- What does the application entail?
- What makes an application exceptional?
What is the Bone Scholarship?

• Named after Robert G. Bone
  ▪ 9th President of Illinois State University; 1960 – 1967
• Highest honor an undergraduate can receive
What is the Bone Scholarship?

- First scholarships were awarded in 1967
- Recognizes and celebrates outstanding academic achievement and campus/community engagement
What is the Bone Scholarship?

- Financial award
- Commemorative medallion
- Framed certificate
- Names engraved on a plaque in the Bone Student Center
- Current scholars’ photos are displayed
- Fall luncheon
Application Basics

• 62 nominees
• 14 Bone Scholars selected
• Submission deadline is 4 pm on Friday, March 1
• Materials submitted on a labeled CD or flash drive
Application Coversheet

• Sign and scan
• Type your name

Bone Scholarship Application Coversheet

Name: 

University ID: ______________ Illinois State Email: __________________________

Major(s): __________________________

I expect to graduate in (circle one):

December 2018  May 2019  August 2019

Initial to confirm the following:

____ I will have attended Illinois State for at least four semesters by June of 2018, and I plan on being an undergraduate student at Illinois State during the Fall 2018 semester.

____ Application materials are saved on a labeled CD or flash drive.

____ Application materials are saved as one document in Word or PDF format.

____ All required components are included:
  • 2 letters of recommendation
  • Significant Courses
  • Activities and organizations
  • Project
  • Project critique
  • Essay

My signature below signifies that my application materials are my own and to the best of my knowledge are an accurate representation of my academic work and involvement.

Signature __________________________ Date ________
Letters of...

• Nomination
  ▪ 2 letters were submitted with your formal nomination

• Recommendation
  ▪ 2 additional letters acquired by the nominee
  ▪ Academic and/or professional contacts
Letters of Recommendation

• Academic and or/professional contacts
• Refer to your strengths and character
• Provide examples of your achievements
• Share a resume or ask the letter writer to focus on something specific
Significant Courses

What intrigues, excites, or inspires you as a student?

- 4 courses from Illinois State
- 1 double-spaced page per course
- When taken, requirement fulfilled
- Why was the course significant to your personal and/or professional development?
Significant Courses

• Clear and compelling rationale as to the significance of the courses identified
• Examples/evidence of personal and/or professional development
• Make connections to:
  ▪ Career path
  ▪ Skills developed
  ▪ Involvement
Activities and Organizations

Share the breadth and depth of your involvement.

- Up to 10 Activities/Organizations
- List that includes:
  - Brief description of the Activity/Organization
  - Dates and length of participation
  - Duties and/or responsibilities
  - Positions and/or offices held
  - Honors and/or awards received
Activities and Organizations

• Breadth and depth of experiences
• RSOs, volunteer experience, employment, social/civic involvement
• Are your roles and responsibilities clear and succinctly described?
• Leadership and membership
  ▪ You can lead. Can you follow?
  ▪ How do you encourage others to lead?
Activities and Organizations

3 “Most Meaningful”

- 1 double spaced page per “Most Meaningful”
- Consider the impact you had and growth you experienced
- Examples of initiative
- “Transformative”
  - How did you leave your mark?
  - Personal/professional growth
Project

• Your “best work”
  ▪ Culminating class projects
  ▪ Substantial assignments
• 1 double-spaced page with a brief description and context
  ▪ Class title, semester taken
  ▪ Goals for the assignment
Project

- Apples and oranges
- Exceptional quality
- Significance of the project is evident
Project Critique

• 3 double-spaced pages
• Why is this your “best work?”
• How is this project significant to your academic and/or professional development?
• Critical analysis
  ▪ What could have been improved or done differently?
Project Critique

• Connect to skills developed or professional aspirations
• Analysis should take the project to the next level
• Specific examples:
  ▪ Go beyond “more research” or “better sources”
Essay

• 4 double-spaced pages
• Reflect on your experiences
• Consider future goals and achievements
  ▪ Not necessarily career focused
• Anticipate and overcome challenges
Essay

• Well-written narrative
• Specific examples and supporting details
• Clear goals; evidence of goal setting and planning
• Reference to challenges (anticipated or otherwise)
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*Assumes 5 pages to explain 10 activities.

**Project not included in total page count.
Technical things

• Standard margins
• Times New Roman or Arial (don’t get fancy)
• Label each section
• One document saved in Word or PDF format
• CD or flash drive
Themes of Advice

• Show, don’t just tell:
  ▪ Be specific: examples and evidence
• Cohesive, compelling, well-written narratives
• Balance of academic excellence and leadership achievements
• No errors; proofread like your life depends on it
Good Luck!