

The Edward Shapiro Honors Scholarships in Economics

A **\$5,000** per year **renewable** scholarship
offered by the University of Toledo Honors Program & the Department of Economics

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High school students who have been accepted into the University of Toledo's Honors Program and plan to major in Economics, or current Honors Program students majoring in Economics (either as a single or double major), are eligible to compete for an *Edward Shapiro Honors Scholarship in Economics*. Professor Shapiro, a Toledo native and University of Toledo Economics professor from 1967 to 1989, established a generous endowment to support students majoring in Economics. This new award is based on that endowment. The \$5,000 scholarship is renewable annually through the senior (fourth) year so long as the student is (1) a full-time UT Honors Program student, is (2) enrolled as a major in the Department of Economics, and (3) maintains a cumulative 3.6 GPA.

Upon being selected for the scholarship, students will become *Schapiro Honors Fellows in Economics*. The obligations of the fellows are as follows:

1. to foster a culture of intellectual excitement and interest in the study of economics among undergraduates at the University of Toledo
2. to engage in undergraduate research in the field of economics under the guidance of a faculty mentor from The UT Department of Economics
3. to make application to the University of Toledo Office of Undergraduate Research for support of that research
4. to report publicly on the research, either as a "brown bag" presentation under the auspices of the Honors Program, or as part of the summer presentation events sponsored by the UT Office of Undergraduate Research
5. to complete the undergraduate Honors Thesis, as required by the UT Honors Program, in an area of economics and under the direction of a faculty adviser in the Department of Economics. The student's designation as a *Shapiro Honors Fellow in Economics* will be indicated on the cover page of the thesis.

Applications are due by May 1, 2009

See the following pages for details of the application process and the application form.

Application

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Please Print or Type:

Name _____
(Last), (First) (Middle Initial)

Home Address _____
(Street)

(City)(State) (Zip)

Current Address (if different) _____

Telephone Numbers (a) (b) () _____ () _____

Social Security #/ UT Rocket # _____

High School(s) attended:

Composite ACT and /or SAT scores: _____

Other information (use a separate sheet)

1. Institution(s) of higher education attended (if applicable)
2. List any academic or other honors you have received
3. Is there an area of Economics you are particularly interested in?
4. Is there a research question you would like to investigate? If so, please describe it
5. If you are a currently enrolled UT student, please name and attach endorsements from two UT Economics faculty members:

(1)

(2)

Application Supplement

Along with this application and its attachments, all applicants must submit the following supplemental items:

1. A developed **statement** explaining why they want to major in Economics or why they are currently majoring in Economics.
2. If the applicant is or will be a college freshman or sophomore: all official **transcripts** of the high school and, if applicable, college record to date. Or, if the applicant is or will be a college junior, the college transcript alone will suffice.
3. Currently enrolled UT students need **endorsements** from two UT Economics Department faculty members [See #5 above]. Transfer students need two **letters of recommendations** from Economics faculty members with significant knowledge of the applicant's academic ability and promise. Direct from High School students need **letters from teachers** who are familiar with their academic performance. If the student's high school has an Economics Program, one letter should be from a member of that department.
4. **Signature.** By signing this page, applicants are affirming that that the information given in their application is complete and accurate to the best of their knowledge and that, if they are awarded the scholarship, they are willing to comply with the stated terms.

Signature of applicant

Date

Send the application and all other required materials to:

The Shapiro Honors Economics Scholarship Committee
C/o Thomas E. Barden, Director
University Honors Program
1020 Sullivan Hall Mail Stop # 504
University of Toledo
Toledo, Ohio 43606

Information Sheet

1. Awards shall be made by the Shapiro Honors Economics Scholarship Committee, comprised of (1) the director of the UT Honors Program, (2) the director of the UT Office of Undergraduate Research, (3) the chair of the Economics Department, and (4-5) two members of the Economics Department faculty appointed by the chair. The committee chair shall announce its decisions to all applicants by letter.
2. After evaluating submitted applications, the Shapiro Honors Economics Scholarship Committee may invite the most competitive applicants for an interview with two or more committee members. Such interviews may take place at the University of Toledo or may take place via telephone conversations.
3. The award shall be used, as a rule, to pay tuition, fees, cost of books, etc. However, if the award exceeds the amount the student owes for such expenses, the balance of the award shall be refunded to the student, consistent with the wishes of Edward Shapiro.
4. The Shapiro Honors Economics Scholarship Committee shall monitor the academic progress of award recipients and retains the right to revoke at any time any such scholarship if, in its judgment, such action is merited or if the student ceases to major in Economics. The decision of the committee in such matters is final and is not subject to review.
5. Students must apply to the Shapiro Honors Economics Scholarship Committee to renew their award. To be considered for renewal, they must maintain at least a cumulative 3.6 grade point average as a full-time major in the Department of Economics and remain in good standing in the Honors Program.