



The History Fellowship Award

Western Michigan University's Department of History will award several renewable \$1,000 fellowships each year to selected newly admitted, full-time freshman or transfer students with declared majors in History, Public History, History Education, or Social Studies Education (with History minor). A minimum 3.5 high school GPA is required at the time of application. Submissions must be postmarked by **Friday, January 29, 2016**. Interested students should submit the following materials to address listed below:

- 1) This completed application form;
- 2) official high school transcripts;
- 3) a writing sample (not to exceed 10 pages); and
- 4) a short, one-page personal statement that describes the student's historical interests and personal goals.*

*Although not required, students who have completed advanced placement or college-level work may make note of this in their personal statements.

* Underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to apply.

Name:

Permanent Address:

Phone (home):

Phone (cell):

Mail all application materials to the following address:

**Western Michigan University
Department of History
c.o.: Dr. James Cousins
4301 Friedmann Hall
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5334**

Application materials may also be sent via email to: **james.cousins@wmich.edu**

Conditions of award: The scholarship is renewable for up to four years provided that the recipient's cumulative GPA does not drop below 3.5 and he or she maintains full-time status as majors in the Department of History. The scholarship is distributed in \$500 increments; funds for the first semester of study will be credited to the recipient's student account before the start of the Fall term. Subsequent distributions will be deposited only after final grades have been submitted and the minimum GPA has been verified. Fellowship recipients whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.5 are placed on probationary status. They will continue to receive funding but must meet two criteria in order to regain good standing. First, they must achieve a semester GPA of at least 3.5 in the first semester of their probationary period. Second, must regain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 by the end of the third semester of probation (or sooner). Students meeting these requirements will be again in good standing; those who do not will forfeit the remainder of their award. Transfer credits are excluded from all GPA calculations.