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B.F. Smith Scholars Program

The B.F. Smith Scholars Program provides funding for qualified entering graduate students. The highly competitive graduate assistantship (\$5,000 plus tuition per semester) is awarded to a limited number of students with a proven record of undergraduate achievement. The successful applicant will demonstrate a commitment to the Delta region in pursuit of a degree related to community and economic development. Areas of content may include, but are not limited to,

- Community Development
- Economics
- Finance
- Marketing
- Political Science
- Education
- Social Sciences

Who can Apply?

First-time entering graduate students who have completed a bachelor's degree in a related field with a minimum GPA of 3.25. The recipient cannot be employed full-time outside the University during the funded period.

What is Expected?

Recipients will be expected to:

- Engage in real-world learning opportunities that support the regional mission of the scholarship program.
- Work 20 hours per week.
- Produce a final report.
- Maintain a graduate GPA of 3.5

B.F. Smith

A former chief executive officer of Delta Council from 1947 until his retirement in 1983, B.F. Smith was widely respected for his role as a tireless advocate for the Mississippi Delta. He became known as the Delta's "Father of Economic Development" and worked to ensure the region's needs were addressed on the local, statewide, and national levels. His influence and leadership continues to have a dramatic impact on growth and opportunities in this region. This scholarship program was conceived and funded through the efforts of Delta Council.



Application Requirements

- 1 Graduate School Application.
- 2 Official undergraduate transcript.
- 3 Cover letter outlining the applicant's qualifications.
- 4 Two Letters of Reference
- 5 A 500 word essay describing why the candidate wishes to become a B.F. Smith Scholar and how the program can lead to career success in the Mississippi Delta.

Priority Deadline: May 1st
Final Deadline: June 1st