



## **2016-2017 Dr. Charles A. Messner Scholarship Submission Deadline Date Extended: Friday, February 19, 2016**

### **SCHOLARSHIP SUMMARY**

#### ***The Scholarship Recipient Will Receive:***

- A **\$5,000 annual scholarship**; half at the beginning of the fall semester and half at the beginning of the spring semester.
- The scholarship is **renewable to the recipient for up to three additional years** provided the recipient earns a 3.0 cumulative GPA and continues to have a declared major in a humanities program.

#### **Application Instructions**

To apply, please complete the attached **2016-2017 Dr. Charles A. Messner Scholarship** application. You should submit the application on or before **February 19, 2016** to receive the fullest consideration.

#### **Requirements**

##### **To be eligible for the scholarship, a candidate must:**

- be enrolled as a full-time, undergraduate student at Buffalo State College for fall 2015;
- have a high school average above 85%;
- have evidence of success in high school study in a humanities field;
- be a first-time freshman with a declared major in a humanities program\*
- complete the 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

**\*For the purpose of the Dr. Charles A. Messner Scholarship, humanities programs are:**

##### **Communication Department:**

- ✓ Communication Studies, Journalism, Media Production, Public Communication, Television and Film Arts, all BA degrees

##### **English Department:**

- ✓ English BA, English Education BS, Writing BA

##### **Modern and Classical Languages Department:**

- ✓ French BA, Spanish BA; French Education BS; Spanish Education BS

##### **Philosophy Department:**

- ✓ Philosophy BA

Submit completed application to:  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Banner ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Dr. Charles A. Messner Scholarship Fund**

Dr. Charles A. Messner joined the faculty at Buffalo State in 1926 after serving in World War I as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Field Artillery. He completed his Ph.D. in comparative literature at Harvard University in 1928. During his tenure at Buffalo State, he taught courses in Latin, German, French, world literature, and linguistics. After retiring in 1963, he returned to the college as a lecturer in Latin from 1968 to 1971. A philanthropic man, Dr. Messner donated his entire salary during those final four years of his teaching career to the college for cash scholarships for deserving students.

Dr. Messner passed away in 1995 at the age of 103. Recently, his son, Charles A. Messner, Jr. and his wife, Lois, established the Dr. Charles A. Messner Scholarship Fund to honor his legacy. The Charles A. Messner Scholarship Fund will transform many lives by providing annual \$5,000 need-based scholarships for students studying in humanities.

#### **Applicant Background Information**

1. What is the name and address of your High School?
  
2. From the fields listed below, indicate all the courses you are currently enrolled in or have completed during your high school career:
  - a. Communication:
  - b. English:
  - c. Modern and Classical Languages:
  - d. Philosophy:
  
3. Please identify any other humanities courses not listed above.
  
4. Identify separately AP courses in any humanities field in which you are currently enrolled or that you have already completed.
  
5. Why are you interested in attending Buffalo State College?

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# BUFFALO STATE

The State University of New York

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### Essay Topic:

Describe your interest in Buffalo State College and pursuing a major in one of the humanities fields by answering the following questions on a **separate sheet of paper**.

**Note:** Your answers to the questions below should total at least **500 words**. The depth and quality of your writing will be taken into consideration by the selection committee.

1. In which field of Humanities do you intend to major and what specific interests do you have in this field?
2. Is there any particular project or goal in the Humanities that you would like to accomplish as a student at Buffalo State College?
3. While in High School, did you participate in any extra-curricular Humanities projects or activities?
4. Please describe the projects/activities and what you learned from those experiences.
5. Discuss a significant work in your prospective major (e.g., a play, film, book, essay, poem, etc.) that has shaped and strengthened your interest in the Humanities.
6. What particular strengths do you bring to your studies that give you confidence you will do well in college?
7. What knowledge or skills would you especially like to strengthen by working closely with professors and other students?
8. Have you thought about what you'd like to do after graduation?
9. If you have, briefly describe your current ideas.

### Applicant's Certification:

By signing below, I certify that I am an eligible applicant for the Dr. Charles A. Messner Scholarship and that I am fully aware of all of the requirements.

If selected, I understand that:

- I am required to submit a letter of acknowledgment (thank you note) before the scholarship will be disbursed.
- the scholarship will be deposited directly to my student account to be applied toward my direct costs.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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