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**JAMES O. AND MINNIE ELLIOTT SCHOLARSHIP
2025-2026
APPLICATION**

The James O. and Minnie Elliott Scholarships provide grants for deserving and high ranking majors in **any branch of political science**. **Financial need** is taken into account in granting the scholarships. Recipients must be students who will be juniors or seniors at UTK during the 2025-2026 academic year.

Instructions:

1. Complete this application form.
2. Attach a copy of your **academic history** to your application form.
3. Obtain two (2) **letters of recommendation**.
4. Submit all materials to Dr. Pat Freeland, Department of Political Science, 1001 McClung Tower, UTK. You may place the application and accompanying materials in Dr. Freeland's mailbox, or you can scan your complete application and send it via email to pfreelan@utk.edu.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026

1. Name: _____

2. Permanent address (i.e., an address where you can always be reached):

3. Telephone number (where you can always be reached): _____

4. Email address: _____

5. Student ID number: _____

6. Academic major: _____

7. Number of credit hours in which you are currently (spring 2026) enrolled: _____

8. During which of the following semesters do you plan to attend UTK as an undergraduate student? (Circle all that **apply**)

Summer 2026

Fall 2026

Spring 2027

9. Current political science GPA _____

10. Current overall GPA _____

11. List any special academic awards or recognition (scholarships, fellowships, honors, assistantships, etc.) you have received since entering college:

12. Your application must be accompanied by two (2) letters of recommendation from UTK instructional faculty members. Please list names and contact information (email address will suffice) for your two (2) recommenders below. Instruct your recommenders to forward their letters to Dr. Pat Freeland, Department of Political Science, 1001 McClung Tower or pfreelan@utk.edu. *All recommendations must be received by April 3, 2026*

1. _____

2. _____

Check and initial one of the following statements:

_____ I hereby waive my right to see recommendations submitted by the above listed faculty members.

_____ I do not waive my right to see recommendations submitted by the above listed faculty members.

FINANCIAL NEED STATEMENT FOR JAMES O. AND MINNIE ELLIOTT SCHOLARSHIP

1. Name: _____

2. Permanent address (i.e., an address where you can always be reached):

3. Name of parent(s) or guardian(s):

4. Address of parent(s) or guardian(s):

5. Have you been employed at all during the current academic year? No ____ Yes ____

If yes, please indicate:

Employment dates:

Place(s) of employment:

Avg. hours worked per week (during current academic year):

6. Do you receive financial support for your schooling from any source other than your own employment? No _____ Yes _____

If yes, please indicate the sources of this financial support (i.e., parents, scholarships, etc.):

7. Approximately what percent of your college education would you say you financed with income from your employment? _____%

8. Indicate any additional information concerning your financial status about which the Undergraduate Awards Committee should know. (Use other side or separate sheet if necessary)