

Department of Political Science  
University of Tennessee  
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**EDGAR G. GUENTHER SCHOLARSHIP  
2025-2026  
APPLICATION**

The Edgar G. Guenther Scholarship provides grants for **political science majors especially interested in municipal government, planning, or related subjects**. Preference is given to students with some connection to **Kingsport, Tennessee** (more on this below).

*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 box, or you can scan your complete application and send it via email to [pfreelan@utk.edu](mailto: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):

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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:

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12. In what specific respects have your studies and extra-curricular interests focused upon municipal government, planning, or related subjects?

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13. The Edgar G. Guenther Scholarship is designed to support residents of Kingsport, Tennessee, including individuals who claim Kingsport as their permanent place of residence, attended high school in Kingsport, or who plan to live in Kingsport during part of the tenure of the scholarship. If you make a residence claim, include with your application evidence of residence (e.g. a high school or university transcript). If you do not make a residence claim, use the space below to tell the Department of Political Science about your connection(s) to Kingsport, Tennessee.

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14. 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.