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RUTH STEPHENS SCHOLARSHIP 2025-2026 APPLICATION

The Ruth Stephens Scholarships provide grants for **political science majors especially interested in international relations and/or comparative government and politics**. Recipients must 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 box, 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 enrolled (spring 2026): _____

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. In what specific respect(s) have your studies and extra-curricular activities focused upon contemporary world problems, international or cross-cultural concerns, or the development of less developed countries? (Include courses taken, foreign language skills, travel and residence abroad, civic activities, membership in organizations, etc.)

13. 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.