



Brad Wright Memorial Scholarship

Dear Residential Life Staff:

On behalf of the Brad Wright Memorial Foundation and the Residence Hall Association, the University Housing and Dining Services Department is now accepting nominations for the **Brad Wright Memorial Scholarship**. Brad Wright was from Decatur, Illinois. Brad served as a Resident Assistant in Carman Hall from 1997-98. Brad was planning on returning as a Resident Assistant for the following fall semester, but on June 28, 1998, Brad passed away due to an undetected heart condition. This scholarship was created by the friends and family of Brad Wright as a testament to his legacy.

This is one of Housing and Dining's prestigious scholarships recognizing outstanding contributions to our on-campus students and housing program by a Resident Assistant or Senior Staff Assistant. Nominations may be made by any Professional Housing Staff member, with a limit of one per staff member. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

Before nominating an individual, they must meet the below criteria:

1. Be an undergraduate, full-time or part-time EIU student, enrolled at EIU during the semester of nomination.
2. Be currently employed as a Resident Assistant or Senior Staff Assistant in EIU Housing for a minimum of one semester, before or including the semester of nomination.
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 at the end of the last semester before nomination.
4. Recipient must be a full-time undergraduate in the fall semester that the award is paid and must be a returning student staff member for the following fall semester.

To nominate a student leader:

1. Submit a nomination through our MachForm on our website located at eiu.edu/housing/hsgscholar_nom.php. Nomination letters are due by **Friday, March 13, 2026**, at 4:30pm.

After the letter of nomination is received:

1. **Tuesday, March 17, 2026**, an on-line application for the scholarship will be sent to the nominee via their Eastern Illinois University email address.
2. Nominees must complete the online application at eiu.edu/housing/hsg_scholar.php by 4:30 pm on **Friday, March 27, 2026**.
3. This award will be presented to this year's recipient at the Residential Life Closing Banquet on **Monday, April 27, 2026**.

Recipient Selection: The Brad Wright Scholarship Selection Committee will make the final selection after reviewing both the letter of nomination and the nominee's self-completed application. The selection committee consists of members of the Residential Life Leadership Team.

This award last year was worth \$1,372.81.

Past Recipients:

This is the 26th year for the Wright Scholarship. _

2001- Crystal Pipher
2002- Stina Heldman
2003- Natalie Kuchar
2004- Anna Marie Pougas
2005- Jennifer Dunavan
2006- Matthew DeFrates
2007- Thomas Rausch
2008- Ryan Doyle
2009- Heather Sea
2010- Kayla Wagner
2011- Nick Canaday
2012- David Sims
2013- Ryan Yaeger
2014- Mary Ashley Walsh
2015- Heather Sitkie
2016- Bailey Martin-Giacalone
2017- Presley Sours
2018- Amber Salutric
2019- Charlotte Williams
2020- Sydney Cacioppo
2021- Javari McClendon
2022- Shane Smith
2023- Camden Webb
2024 - Chase Pier
2025 Al Jones

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Applicant Name _____ Building/Area _____

GPA _____ Major _____ Class Standing _____

The following are some key areas of knowledge and experience that will assist in the selection of this year's
Brad Wright Scholarship.

Category		3	2	1
Returning next year as a student staff member		YES		NO
Minimum 2.75 cumulative gpa or above		YES		NO
*****		*****	*****	*****
Level of performance in current RA/SSA role		High performance	Slightly above average performance	Average performance
RA/SSA performance in regards to the involvement with their residential community		High amount of programs and time spent with their residents	Slightly above average amount of programs and time spent with their residents	Average amount of programs and time spent with residents
Ability to gain the respect and admiration of their residents		high ability to gain respect/admiration from residents	Slightly above average ability to gain respect/admiration from residents	Average ability to gain respect/admiration from residents
Contributions to PSI-did they meet all expectations and program in all areas?		Well above average	Slightly above average	Average
Candidates indication for financial need		High need	Average need	Low need
TOTAL POINTS (out of 15 possible)				



Career in Housing and Student Affairs Scholarship

Dear Residential Life Staff:

University Housing and Dining Services is now accepting nominations for the Bailey, Geninatti, Johnson, Morrissey, Swanson Residence Hall Scholarship, hereafter referred to as the **Career in Housing and Student Affairs Scholarship**. A former Hall Director and four Resident Assistants from the 1975-1976 formerly named Douglas Hall staff put together this scholarship to encourage students to pursue a career in Housing/Student Affairs. This is a prestigious scholarship recognizing the contributions of an undergraduate Student Staff Member who has served Eastern Illinois University's Residential Life Program and has a desire to pursue a career in housing or Student Affairs. Self-nominations may be made by any individual who meets the criteria.

Before nominating an individual, they must meet the below criteria:

1. Applied and been accepted as a degree seeking candidate pursuing a Bachelor's Degree at Eastern Illinois University.
2. Be returning to an executive board position or residential life student staff position for the next academic semester.
3. Commit to being active in leadership for both the following fall and spring semester.
4. Reside in University Housing at the time of nomination, as well as the following year that the scholarship is awarded (exception being if the student is student teaching).
5. Engage in student affairs work within their department as a condition of the scholarship. This could include, but not limited to performing weekly duties while serving as a Resident Assistant/Senior Staff Assistant or completing other duties as assigned by the Director of Housing and Dining if the person is not serving in a housing staff position.
6. Must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above.
7. Plan to seriously pursue a career in Student Housing/Student Affairs.

There will be a preference given in priority order as follows:

Undergraduate students who have served as an executive board member in hall council, RHA, or NRHA or as an Resident Assistant/Senior Staff Assistant during their undergraduate programs

To nominate a student leader:

1. Submit a nomination through our MachForm on our website located at eiu.edu/housing/hsgscholar_nom.php. Nomination letters are due **Friday, March 13, 2026, by 4:30pm.**

After the letter of nomination is received:

1. **Tuesday, March 17, 2026**, an on-line application for the scholarship will be sent to the nominee via their Eastern Illinois University email address.
2. Nominees must complete the on-line application at eiu.edu/housing/hsg_scholar.php by 4:30 pm on **Friday, March 27, 2026**.
3. This award will be presented to this year's recipient at the Residential Life Closing Banquet on **Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6pm**.

Recipient Selection:

The Scholarship Selection Committee will make the final selection after reviewing the nominee's letter of nomination and the nominee's self-completed application. The selection committee consists of members from the Residential Life Leadership Team.

The award last year was worth \$2,264.62

Scholarship History:

This is the 20th year for this scholarship.

Previous recipients are as follows:

2007-Nicole Mette
2008-Justin Schuch
2009-Cicely Wilson
2010-Jennifer Krzyszkowski and Kiley Sturm
2011-Kelsey Brandt
2012-Taylor Whittington
2013-Phyllis Frimpong
2014-Tyler Vollmer
2015-Jordan Sullivan
2016-Greta Dieter and Sara Kennedy
2017- Ben Grapperhaus
2018- Samantha Gilbert
2019- Devin Andersen
2020- Ryan Moore
2021- Jarrett Williams
2022- Alex Craig
2023 - Lucy Ade
2024 - Braden Boyer
2025 – Valen Fulton

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Applicant Name _____ Building/Area _____

GPA _____ Major _____ Class Standing _____

The following are some key areas of knowledge and experience that will assist in the selection of this year's
Careers in Housing/Student Affairs Scholarship

Category	3	2	1
Returning next year as a student staff member or executive board member?	YES		NO
Resides in Student Housing now and will again next Fall Semester	YES		NO
Minimum 2.5 cumulative gpa or above	YES		NO
Level of commitment and involvement in current leadership role(s) from the fall and spring semester	Currently shows high commitment and involvement	Currently shows average commitment and involvement	Currently shows minimum commitment and involvement or no longer involved
Is involved in other housing/student affairs areas outside of responsibilities (IRHA, GLACURH, NACURH, SAPP, Volunteer work, internships, other housing organizations)	Currently shows high involvement in other areas of housing/student affairs	Currently shows average involvement in housing/student affairs	Currently shows minimum interest and involvement or no longer involved
Ability to gain the respect and admiration of colleagues and peers/work well with others	Currently displays high ability to gain respect/admiration	Currently displays average ability to gain respect/admiration	Currently displays low ability to gain respect/admiration
Likelihood that applicant will stay committed to pursuing a Housing/Student Affairs Profession	Very likely	Possible	More interest in other professions
Candidates indication for financial need	High need	Average need	Low need
TOTAL POINTS (out of 15 possible)			



Richard G. Enochs Scholarship

Dear Residential Life Staff:

University Housing and Dining Services is accepting nominations for the **Richard G. Enochs Scholarship**. This scholarship is a prestigious Housing Scholarship recognizing the contributions of an outstanding student leader in our on-campus community. Nominations may be made by any Housing Professional Staff member, with a limit of one nomination per staff member.

Richard Enochs was the director of married student housing for Eastern until his untimely passing on March 5, 1978. Friends and representatives of the Housing and Dining Office honored the memory of Mr. Enochs by establishing the Richard G. Enochs Scholarship on June 5, 1978.

Before nominating an individual, they must meet the below criteria:

1. Be a sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate student without a graduate assistantship at Eastern and have a stated intention of returning to the university for the fall semester following the date of their selection.
2. Reside in University Housing at the time of nomination, as well as the following semester of the following academic year.
3. Have outstanding personal character and be a student of scholastic achievement.
4. Have demonstrated achievement in terms of his or her contribution to the student housing program.

To nominate a student leader:

- ◆ Submit a nomination through our MachForm on our website located at eiu.edu/housing/hsgscholar_nom.php
Nomination letters are due on **Friday, March 13, 2026 by 4:30pm.**

After the letter of nomination is received:

1. **Tuesday, March 17, 2026**, an on-line application for the scholarship will be sent to the nominee via their Eastern Illinois University email address.
2. Nominees must complete the on-line application at eiu.edu/housing/hsg_scholar.php by 4:30 pm on **Friday, March 27, 2026.**
3. All nominees will be expected to attend the NRHH/RHA Awards Banquet on **Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 5pm.**

Recipient Selection: The Enochs Scholarship Selection Committee will make the final selection after reviewing both the letter of nomination and the nominee's self-completed application. The selection committee usually consists of the Director of University Housing & Dining, at least one Associate/Assistant Director of Housing, one NRHH Advisor, one NRHH Executive Board member, and the previous year's scholarship recipient.

This is the 48th year for the Enochs Scholarship.

This award last year was worth \$5,174.10

Past Recipients:

1979 - Rodney Hasler	2003 - Kristina Heldmann
1980 - Mark Hudson	2004 - Natalie Kuchar
1981 - Valerie Averill	2005- Denise Peters
1982 - (Phillip) Matt Davidson	2006- Lindsay DiPietro
1983 - Linda S. Commerford	2007- Jeff Flaxman
1984 - Leslie L. Garrigan	2008- Hannah Plevka
1985 - Lisa Ann DeWitt	2009- Brian Korstanje
1986 - Jamie Horsman	2010- Karla Browning
1987 - Cynthia Anne Baum	2011- Julia Novotny
1988 - Robert A. Gruszka	2012- Elizabeth Burbatt
1989 - Thomas A. Faulkner	2013- Katherine Johnson
1990 - Dawn E. Barcus	2014- Kadie Peterson
1991 - Mary Pat Kronos	2015- Ben Misselhorn
1992 - Darcy Royster	2016- Jacob Gulso
1993 - John Biernbaum	2017- Nick Bamet
1994 - Erin Sanders	2018- Shannon Watkins
1995 - Angie Churchill	2019- Alana Reinhardt
1996 - Bryan Reaka	2020- Mariah Mosberger
1997 - Brian Anderson	2021- Ryan Moore
1998 - Jamie Workman	2022 - Benjamin Drake
1999 - Doug Howell	2023 - Paige Thing
2000 - Pete Gabel	2024 - Dylan Meek
2001 - Erin Beth Wiszowaty	2025 - Alexandra Bradley
2002 - David Dompke	

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Applicant Name _____ Building/Area _____
GPA _____ Major _____ Class Standing _____

Category	3	2	1
Currently a sophomore, junior, senior or grad pursuing a bachelor's degree at EIU	YES		NO
Resides in Student Housing now and will again next Fall Semester	YES		NO
Lived on campus at least two semesters	YES		NO
*****	*****	*****	*****
Personal Character	Individual is perceived to be a person of outstanding personal character	Individual is perceived to be a person of average personal character	Individual is perceived to be a person of below average personal character
Level of commitment and involvement in current leadership role(s) from the fall and spring semester	Provides high commitment and involvement	Provides average commitment and involvement	Provides minimum commitment and involvement or no longer involved
Is involved in other housing programs and events outside of any job responsibility (IRHA, GLACURH, NACURH, SAPP, led a hall program, volunteer work on campus, other housing involvement)	Currently shows high involvement in areas of on-campus housing.	Currently shows average involvement in areas of on-campus housing	Currently shows minimum interest and low involvement in areas of on-campus housing
Ability to gain the respect and admiration of colleagues and peers/work well with others	Currently displays high ability to gain respect/admiration	Currently displays average ability to gain respect/admiration	Currently displays low ability to gain respect/admiration
Contributions to overall residential community (building, area or dept...not just a floor)	Outstanding contributions	Above average contributions	Average contributions
Level of scholastic achievement	Well above average (great academic role model with over a 3.0)	Above average (good academic role model and gpa over a 2.5)	Average (average academic role model and 2.25-2.49 gpa)
Candidates indication for financial need	High need	Average need	Low need
TOTAL POINTS (out of 21 possible)			



Louis V. Hencken Housing Service Scholarship

Dear Residential Life Staff:

University Housing and Dining Services is now accepting nominations for the **Louis V. Hencken Housing Service Scholarship**. This scholarship is a prestigious Housing Scholarship recognizing the past academic year contributions of outstanding student leaders, especially in Panther L.E.A.D.S. who have done a great job in their position whether it is the President, Vice President, or other executive board member, by class standing in our on-campus community. This is a great way to reward executive board members who volunteer their time with a little compensation or award for going above and beyond in their positions as student leaders in their halls. Nominations may be made by any Housing Professional Staff member, with a limit of one nomination per council .

There will be 10 awards given out, 1 per Panther L.E.A.D.S. and RHA. Individuals will only be eligible to receive the award amount once, with no repeats. I.E. if someone wins for RHA they are now not allowed to win the hall category

If for any reason there are no qualified/selected candidates in one or more of these categories, the dollars available will be divided among the other selected winners.

Before nominating an individual, they must meet the below criteria:

1. Be a full-time student attending Eastern Illinois University.
2. Be a student completing their first year of school through graduate school.
3. Reside in some form of University owned housing during the entire period of time for which the award has been earned and must return to university owned housing the following year.
4. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or better on a 4.0 scale and be in good judicial standing.
5. Must currently be in an active role in the Residence Hall Association, National Residence Hall Honorary, or Hall/Greek Council.
6. Must commit to being active in a substantial leadership position the following academic year.
7. Candidates' contribution to the university community during the academic year will be evaluated.
 - (2) Associate Resident Directors, Resident Assistant and Senior Staff Assistants are not eligible for this award.
 - (3) Financial need is a consideration.

To nominate a student leader:

1. Submit a nomination through our MachForm on our website located at eiu.edu/housing/hsgscholar_nom.php. Nomination letters are due by **Friday, March 13, 2026, by 4:30pm.**
2. Each candidate shall be evaluated on the following criteria (These reflect the qualities of the name sake of the scholarship):
 - i. Demonstrated positive impact made on their living environment and hall council
 - ii. Demonstrated mentoring of fellow residents
 - iii. Served as a positive role model for their residential community
 - iv. Going above and beyond expectations of position or role

- v. Special consideration will be given to volunteer activities

After the letter of nomination is received:

1. **Tuesday, March 17, 2026**, an on-line application for the scholarship will be sent to the nominee via their Eastern Illinois University email address.
2. Nominees must complete the on-line application at eiu.edu/housing/hsg_scholar.php by 4:30 pm on **Friday, March 27, 2026**.
3. This award will be presented to this year's recipient at the RHA/NRHH Awards Banquet on **Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 5pm**. (additional details to follow)

Recipient Selection:

The Louis V. Hencken Housing Service Scholarship Selection Committee will make the final selection after reviewing both the letter of nomination and the nominee's self-completed application. The selection committee consists of members of the Residential Life Leadership Team.

Scholarship History:

This is the 18th year for the Louis V. Hencken Housing Service Scholarship. The 2025 recipients were: Matthew Posner, Kindness Umealajekwu, Jayriel Kizer, Gabrielle Cabe, Peyton Daniel, Mikayla Smith, Addison O'Brien, Nick Shamhart, Kai Thomas, and Joe Pointer.

The scholarship amount for this award will be approximately \$2000 per awardee.

**Louis V. Hencken Scholarship
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Applicant Name _____ Building/Area _____
 GPA _____ Major _____ Class Standing _____

Category	3	2	1
Full time student?	YES		NO
Resides in Student Housing now and will again next Fall Semester in res halls or Greek Ct.	YES		NO
Minimum 2.75 cumulative gpa or above	YES		NO
Lived on campus at least one semester/continuously living on campus?	YES		NO
Currently active in RHA, NRHH, or Hall/Greek Council	YES		NO
Committed to being active in a substantial leadership position for the following year?	YES		NO
*****	*****	*****	*****
Level of commitment and involvement in current leadership role(s) WITHIN UNIVERSITY HOUSING/DINING	Currently shows high commitment and involvement	Currently shows average commitment and involvement	Currently shows minimum commitment and involvement or no longer involved
Is involved in other housing programs and events outside of any job responsibility(IRHA, GLACURH, NACURH, SAPP, led a hall program, volunteer work on campus, other housing involvement	Currently shows high involvement in areas of on-campus housing	Currently shows average involvement in areas of on-campus housing	Currently shows minimum interest and low involvement in areas of on-campus housing
Ability to gain the respect and admiration of colleagues and peers/work well with others/positive role model	Currently displays high ability to gain respect/admiration	Currently displays average ability to gain respect/admiration	Currently displays low ability to gain respect/admiration
Contributions to hall/GC community	Above average	Average	Below average
Mentored other students?	Above average	Average	Below average
Volunteer work	Above average	Average	Below Average
Candidates indication for financial need	High need	Average need	Low need
TOTAL POINTS (out of 21 possible)			



Sean R. McKinney Scholarship

Dear Residence Hall Staff:

University Housing and Dining Services is now accepting nominations for the **Sean R. McKinney Scholarship**. This scholarship is one of Housing and Dining's most prestigious scholarships, which recognizes an individual's outstanding contributions to our on-campus students and housing program. Nominations may be made by any Professional Housing Staff member, with a limit of one per staff member.

Before nominating an individual, they must meet the below criteria:

1. Be a student with two or less semesters (not including semester of nomination) enrolled at EIU.
2. Have unselfishly rendered his/her service to the housing program and display those services.
3. Have strived to improve the lives of student residents at EIU.
4. Have lived in an on-campus facility for a minimum of one semester, including the semester of nomination.
5. Have demonstrated leadership ability, such as involvement in residence life activities and actively participant in residence hall programs, thereby enriching the residence hall environment for other students.
6. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 at the end of the last semester before nomination.
7. Must remain in a residence hall or Greek Court for the following academic year.
8. Must commit to being active in a substantial leadership position the following academic year.

To nominate a student leader:

1. Submit a nomination through our MachForm on our website located at eiu.edu/housing/hsgscholar_nom.php. Nomination letters are due by **Friday, March 13, 2026, at 4:30pm.**

After the letter of nomination is received:

1. **Tuesday, March 17, 2026**, an on-line application for the scholarship will be sent to the nominee via their Eastern Illinois University email address.
2. Nominees must complete the on-line application at eiu.edu/housing/hsg_scholar.php by 4:30 pm on **Friday, March 27, 2026.**
3. This award will be presented to this year's recipient at the RHA/NRHH Leadership Banquet on **Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 5pm.** (additional details to follow)

Recipient Selection: The McKinney Scholarship Selection Committee will make the final selection after reviewing both the letter of nomination and the nominee's self-completed application. The selection committee consists of members from the Residential Life Leadership Team.

Last year's award was worth \$2,406.80.

Previous McKinney Scholarship Winners

This is the 35th year for the McKinney Scholarship.

1992-	Kevin Bach	2009-	Dan Obenchain
1993-	Kristopher Potrafka	2010-	Chelsea Hill
1994-	Katie Green	2011-	Caitlin Garstkiewicz
1995-	Amy Fajalkiewicz	2012-	Jacob Deters
1996-	Erin Weed	2013-	Lianna Campos
1997-	Ella Jones	2014-	Brooke Kimball
1998-	Amanda Furlan	2015-	Jerome Hampton
1999-	Kyle Dunn	2016-	Niev Hans
2000-	Sarah Maubach	2017-	Taylor Zaccarelli
2001-	Denise Peters	2018-	Ethan Osborne
2002-	Lauren Everette	2019-	Ryan Moore
2003-	Matt O'Malley	2020-	Ben Drake
2004-	Lindsay DiPietro	2021-	Paige Thing
2005-	Elizabeth Gergits	2022-	Jade Stone
2006-	Michelle Hellesen	2023-	Grace Omundson
2007-	Brittany Kraft	2024 –	Blaine Burns
2008-	Michael Andrews	2025 –	Maysa Bayramova

Sean R. McKinney Scholarship Assessment Guide

Applicant Name _____ Building/Area _____
 GPA _____ Major _____ Class Standing _____

Category	3	2	1
Returning next year as a student staff member or executive board member?	YES		NO
Resides in Student Housing now and will again next Fall Semester in res halls or Greek Ct.	YES		NO
Minimum 2.25 cumulative gpa or above	YES		NO
Lived on campus at least one semester	YES		NO
Has NOT lived on campus more than 2 semesters	YES		NO
*****	*****	***** *	*****
Level of commitment and involvement in current leadership role(s) from the fall and spring semester	Currently shows high commitment and involvement	Currently shows average commitment and involvement	Currently shows minimum commitment and involvement or no longer involved
Is involved in other housing programs and events outside of any job responsibility(IRHA, GLACURH, NACURH, SAPP, led a hall program, volunteer work on campus, other housing involvement	Currently shows high involvement in areas of on-campus housing	Currently shows average involvement in areas of on-campus housing	Currently shows minimum interest and low involvement in areas of on-campus housing
Ability to gain the respect and admiration of colleagues and peers/work well with others	Currently displays high ability to gain respect/admiration	Currently displays average ability to gain respect/admiration	Currently displays low ability to gain respect/admiration
Contributions to hall/GC community	Above average	Average	Below average
Candidates indication for financial need	High need	Average need	Low need
TOTAL POINTS (out of 15 possible)			