

PURDY EMERGING LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP

2023-2024

*a private scholarship for current Missouri college students
award of up to \$5,000 per academic year*

About Allan Purdy

Allan Walker Purdy was a visionary leader. Born in 1914 on a farm near Macon, Missouri, he was the first in his family to attend a four-year college. Mr. Purdy worked in the University of Missouri's College of Agriculture before becoming the campus's first director of scholarships and student financial aid. He was the founding president of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and helped create the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority (MOHELA), spending 20 years on MOHELA's governing board. Mr. Purdy's leadership in the financial aid industry is unparalleled. He believed in using one's voice and knowledge to help students and families obtain higher education.

PROGRAM

The Purdy Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program, named in honor of Allan Walker Purdy, is designed to provide scholarships to emerging leaders who are outstanding students and who need additional funding for higher education. We are looking for leaders on Missouri college campuses! This scholarship supports candidates who demonstrate leadership, character and academic performance. Additionally, these students have a vision, are eager to make their contribution to the world and have the work ethic to bring their dreams to fruition.

ELIGIBILITY

- Missouri resident.
- Undergraduate sophomore, junior or senior attending an eligible Missouri public or private higher education institution for the 2023-2024 academic year. See eligible schools list.
- Enrolled full-time and making satisfactory academic progress.
- Generally, a cumulative college GPA of 2.5 or higher is required.
- Student's EFC range as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will factor into decision. Unmet need will also be a factor.
- Recommendation from an instructor, counselor, advisor, supervisor or other similarly qualified individual at the institution is required.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Scholarship application open January 1-April 15, 2023 on My Scholarship Central.**
- Before you start, you will need a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) generated from the FAFSA, your most recent college transcript, and your Financial Aid Award Offer from your school.
- Go to myscholarshipcentral.org/apply and click "Apply Now".
- On the top right of the page, click "Sign In" if you already have a My Scholarship Central account, or "Sign Up" if you've never used the site.
- Enter your email and password. If you are a new user, you will receive a confirmation email and must click the link in the email to validate your account.
- Complete the General Application if you have not done so this year.
- After submitting the General Application, you should see the Purdy Emerging Leaders Scholarship on your list of Recommended Opportunities. If not, click "Opportunities" in the blue bar and choose "Ours." Search "Purdy".
- Click the orange "Apply" button next to the opportunity name. After completing the application, click "submit" at the bottom right of the page.
- Questions? Contact info@moslf.org or 636.733.3712.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Scholarships are available at the discretion of Missouri Scholarship & Loan Foundation (MSLF) in accordance with program rules and applicable law. All scholarship applications will be considered, provided funding for this program is available.
- Program funding will be determined annually by MSLF. The Purdy Emerging Leaders Scholarship is renewable for up to a total of three years. If funding is available, eligible previous recipients will be invited to apply for renewal using a special application.
- Applicants will be notified if a scholarship is awarded via My Scholarship Central. If awarded, MSLF will verify eligibility with the institution. The scholarship must be used to cover the Cost of Attendance as determined by the school.
- If this award is used for educational expenses that are not required for your academic program, such as housing, meals or transportation, your scholarship may be considered taxable income. You should consult your tax advisor about your specific situation.
- If awarded the scholarship, the amount may be reduced if your unmet need (i.e., your Cost of Attendance minus other scholarships and grants) is less than the scholarship.