

SCHOLARS PROGRAMS AT UMBC



SONDHEIM PUBLIC AFFAIRS SCHOLARS APPLICATION

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Africana Studies
American Studies
Anthropology, Cultural
Economics
Education
Environmental Studies
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Geography and Environmental Systems
Health Administration and Policy
History
Media and Communication Studies
Political Science
Psychology
Social Work
Sociology
Interdisciplinary Studies

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The Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars Program supports talented undergraduate students who want to become effective leaders in government, non-profits, corporations and the community. The program honors Walter Sondheim, a champion of Baltimore's renewal, a business leader and advocate for public education.

Application Instructions

1. Read all directions carefully. You will need to send your completed application packet by January 15. Sondheim candidates who choose to file the scholarship and admissions applications on or before November 1 will receive early scholarship review.
2. Complete the Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars Application.
3. If you have already applied to UMBC, please note this on your Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars Application. If you have not applied to UMBC, please complete the UMBC Undergraduate Admission Application no later than January 15.
4. Submit two letters of recommendation. One recommendation should be from a high school teacher, preferably in the social sciences, and the other may be from an adult member of the community who knows you well. Be sure to allow sufficient time for your recommendations to be completed.
5. Your completed packet of materials should include:
 - Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars Application Form
 - Two Letters of Recommendation
 - Official High School Transcript
 - Official Standardized Test Scores (SAT or ACT)
 - UMBC Undergraduate Admission ApplicationIf any of these items have already been sent to UMBC, you do not have to re-submit them.
6. Mail completed application to:
UMBC Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships
1000 Hilltop Circle
Baltimore, MD 21250

Finalists will be interviewed by the Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars Selection Committee. Final scholarship decisions will be announced no later than March 31.

Personal Information

1. Last Name										First Name										Middle Initial				
2. Home Address																								
City										State										ZIP Code				
3. Area Code/Telephone Number										4. Social Security Number										5. E-mail Address				
6. If you have already applied to UMBC, please check here []																								
7. Intended Major _____										8. High School _____														
9. SAT Scores: Highest Critical Reading _____										Highest Math _____					Highest Writing _____					10. Cumulative GPA _____				

Community Experiences

11. Include a résumé that details your educational and career goals and highlights your extracurricular activities, including leadership positions, awards and honors.
12. Select one experience in the community that has been meaningful to you and write an essay of one double-spaced page relating that experience to the role of public affairs in your life currently and in the future.

Writing Sample

13. Identify a serious policy problem facing the United States or world. Why does this problem concern you, and what do you think should be done about it? Please write an essay of two double-spaced pages on these questions; list the principal sources you cite on a third page.

Letters of Recommendation

14. Enclose two letters of recommendation, one from a high school teacher, preferably in social studies, and one from an adult member of the community who knows you well. (See instructions.)

The Honors College at UMBC

15. Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars may choose to apply to the UMBC Honors College (see the Honors College Web site at www.umbc.edu/honors for a description of that program). Your decision to apply or not apply for the Honors College will have no effect on your review for the Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars Program. Admissions decisions for the Honors College are determined by a separate committee. For consideration, applicants should have a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in a strong college preparatory curriculum that includes honors, Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate coursework.

Would you like to be considered for admission to the Honors College on the basis of this application? Yes [] No []

Signature _____ Date _____

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Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars Recommendation

Applicant's Name: _____

Please provide a short assessment of the candidate's ability to succeed in the Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars Program. In doing so, please address the student's analytical ability, writing skills and breadth of knowledge. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Your Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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