The Herbert Roback Scholarship

The late Herbert Roback was a highly respected public servant. During his 34-year career, he encouraged talented and promising students to consider lifetime careers in the public service. To honor Mr. Roback, his family and friends established the Herbert Roback Scholarship Fund to perpetuate his work.

To fulfill this goal, the National Academy of Public Administration annually awards one scholarship up to $7,500 to a graduate student currently enrolled, or admitted for enrollment, in a full-time master's degree program in public administration, public and international affairs, and/or political science.

The scholarship fund is administered by the National Academy of Public Administration, which is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization of which Herbert Roback was a distinguished Fellow.

The scholarship recipient is invited to the annual meeting of the National Academy of Public Administration, held each November. During the meeting, the recipient is formally recognized before the gathered Fellows and distinguished guests of the Academy.

Eligibility and Application:

Applicants who meet the criteria of enrollment and discipline from a university in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, Brandeis University, the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton, John Jay College at CUNY, Albany/SUNY or from New York University are eligible to apply.

Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy may submit 2 applications on behalf of the College. Applications will be submitted to the NAPA Scholarship Committee by Rockefeller College. For consideration, students must submit:

1. Undergraduate and graduate transcripts
2. A biographical resume or curriculum vitae
3. Two letters of recommendation from professors. Must be submitted either electronically or via mail directly by the individual writing the letter.
4. A 500-word statement describing applicant's professional interest

A committee of faculty and staff from Rockefeller College will review applications and make determinations on the 2 applications to be submitted to NAPA. NAPA will then review applications from all schools and select a candidate. Interested students should submit application packets to the Rockefeller College Office of Career Development (Milne 105) by May 1, 2013.

Applications must be submitted electronically to (Rockefeller.Careers@albany.edu) by May 1, 2014. Letters of support can be mailed to:

Rockefeller College Office of Career Development
c/o Jennifer Maclaughin
135 Western Ave, Milne Hall
Albany, NY 12222

Decisions will be made and finalists’ applications will be forward to NAPA by May 31, 2014.

Selection Criteria:
Selection of the scholarship winner is made by a Scholarship Committee composed of individuals who are knowledgeable about the requirements and needs of the public service and those qualities a successful careerist should possess.

This Scholarship Committee of Academy Fellows reviews the applications and makes the award, based upon a number of factors. Ultimately, they look for those individuals who show the greatest potential for excellence in a career of public administration.