



Office of Academic Affairs

Returning Student Scholarships and Fellowships

Current Simon's Rock students planning to return next year are eligible for consideration for a variety of academic awards, including scholarships and fellowships. If awarded, these scholarships are added to or in support of a student's financial aid package. In order to be considered for the full range of awards, students must have Financial Aid documents (FAFSA) on file. **BA Scholarship applicants must moderate by March 9.**

The following Scholarships/Fellowships are available for various levels of returning students. *(No application is required except for the James Monsonis Junior Fellowship. All eligible students will be considered.)*

There are two categories of scholarships in this category:

Academic Division Scholarships

Each spring, Academic Affairs provides Division Heads with a list of students eligible for a named divisional scholarship. Each Division reviews eligible continuing students and awards the scholarships. The named scholarships vary in fields of study and funded amounts.

Deans' Scholarships

Deans' Scholarships consist of Foundation, Non-Divisional, Community Engagement Scholarships and the James Monsonis Junior Fellowship (requires application). Eligibility for these awards varies. These awards are determined by the Dean of Academic Affairs, the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, and the Dean of Students.

The Hutchins BA Merit Scholarships are available to rising Juniors. Moderated sophomores and juniors must apply by March 9. Application requires: late applications will not be considered.

The Hutchins BA Merit Scholarships (for rising Juniors)

The Hutchins BA Merit Scholarships are awarded to Juniors who have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or above and who demonstrate significant contributions to the Simon's Rock community. To be eligible, a student must have moderated into the BA Program by March 9. These scholarships are renewable for a second year if the student remains in good academic and social standing. There are a maximum of five new awards made each year, and these vary from \$1,000 to \$5,000 annually. These scholarships are reviewed and awarded by the Standards and Procedures Committee.

Application Process: For complete information and applications, go to <https://my.simons-rock.edu>, click on the Academics tab, then scroll down to the Scholarships, Fellowships, & Internships block. Copies are also available in the Office of Academic Affairs.

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Rodney Christopher Scholarships for Study Away (Application required)

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November 1 (Intersession study trips and programs: Spring study away)
March 9 (Summer study trips and programs: and Fall or academic year study away)

The James Monsonis Junior Fellowship (Application Required for this internship)

Established by alumni of the College in 2003 on the occasion of his retirement, this fellowship is named in honor of Dr. James Monsonis, for 25 years a faculty member in sociology and social sciences. Awarded annually, the fellowship is designed to provide support to a student undertaking a project—usually an internship with a social change organization—that fosters his or her understanding of the relationships among peace, justice, and social change.

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RETURNING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP LIST AND DESCRIPTIONS

In awarding scholarships, a priority is given to rising juniors who have, moderated into the BA Program, to support their BA studies. Awards marked with * may be awarded to current first-year students to support their sophomore year if no moderated sophomore meets the requirements for the award.

ACADEMIC DIVISION SCHOLARSHIPS (awarded by Divisions)***DIVISION OF THE ARTS***

Celia Cruz Scholarship*. Established in 2005 by Overseer Veronica Chambers '87 and her husband, Jason Clampet, to celebrate and honor the life of Latina songstress Celia Cruz, this \$500 endowed scholarship is awarded annually, based on need, to support the cost of voice lessons. The recipient is envisioned as a student deeply involved in music and/or the performing arts, preferably with an interest in Latin music.

Galen Crotty Gibson Scholarship*. This \$1000 scholarship was established by people at the College and alumni to honor and help remember a student described by his teachers as "fresh, idiosyncratic, astute, original, engaging, lively, informed, and creative." It is awarded to a returning student deeply involved in theater or one uniquely and enthusiastically committed to the good of the Simon's Rock community.

Morgan Kelley Scholarship. Established in 2005 by alumna Anne Morgan '66 and her husband Jim Kelley, this \$2500 scholarship was created in memory of Mary Thorne, a nurse and housemother for Simon's Rock founding students. Of Mary, Anne writes, "She was a stabilizing force and instrumental in setting the school on the right course in its formative years." This endowed music scholarship fund will be given annually to a Simon's Rock student concentrating in music who is pursuing his or her BA at Simon's Rock.

Sadie C. Miller Family Scholarship. Established in 1991 in memory of the grandmother of Samuel Adam Miller '88, this scholarship is awarded annually to a student to support travel, study, and work in the Arts.

Doreen Young Scholarship*. Established by Elizabeth and Livingston Hall and Dorothy Morgenstern Thomas in memory of one of the college's distinguished founding faculty members, this \$500 scholarship is awarded annually to a returning student who has demonstrated special interest or talent in the Arts.



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DIVISION OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

René G. Biber Scholarship*. Established in 1991 as part of the College's celebration of its 25th anniversary, this \$500 scholarship is named in honor of one of the College's founding faculty members, in recognition of his 23 years of teaching language and intercultural studies. It is awarded annually to a returning student who has done outstanding work in the Division of Languages and Literature.

Connie Chambers Scholarship. Established in 2002 by Jason Clampet and Veronica Chambers '87, in memory of her grandmother, this \$1500 scholarship is awarded annually based on need and merit to support an Upper College student concentrating in Creative Writing.

Natalie Harper Scholarship*. Established in 1991 as part of the College's celebration of its 25th anniversary, this \$500 scholarship is named in honor of one of Simon's Rock's founding faculty members in recognition of her 24 years of dedicated service teaching writing and literature. It is awarded annually to a returning student who has done outstanding work in the Division of Languages and Literature.

Caleb W. Roosevelt Scholarship*. Established in memory of a talented writer of the class of '82, this \$500 scholarship is awarded annually to a returning student who has demonstrated exceptional interest and talent in writing poetry or prose.

DIVISION OF SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS, AND COMPUTING

Eileen T. Handelman Scholarship*. Established in 1991 as part of the College's 25th anniversary celebration, this \$500 scholarship is named in honor of one of Simon's Rock's founding faculty members and its former dean, in recognition of her 23 years of service teaching science and mathematics. It is awarded annually to a returning student who has done outstanding work in the Division of Science, Mathematics, and Computing.

Martin Naumann Scholarship*. Established by David and Peter Jacke in memory of an outstanding faculty member in the natural sciences at Simon's Rock, this \$500 scholarship is awarded annually to a returning student with financial need who has demonstrated excellence or strong interest in the Natural Sciences.

DIVISION OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Noah White Burriss Scholarship*. Established by his family and friends in memory of Noah White Burriss '97, this \$500 scholarship is awarded annually to a returning student who has demonstrated academic excellence in either philosophy or Eastern religions.

Peter I. B. Lavan Scholarship*. Established by the Honorable and Mrs. Peter I. B. Lavan, this \$500 scholarship is awarded annually to a returning student who has demonstrated excellence or special interest in Social Studies.

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Edward J. Misch Scholarship*. Established in 1991 as part of the College's 25th anniversary celebration, this \$500 scholarship is named in honor of one of Simon's Rock's founding faculty members, in recognition of his 22 years of dedicated service teaching philosophy and history. It is awarded annually to a returning student for outstanding work in the Division of Social Studies.

INTERDIVISIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Bertie Hawver Kellogg and Florence Gering Cashell Scholarship*. Established by Overseer Mary-Margaret Kellogg in memory of her mother-in-law and her mother, this \$1000 scholarship is awarded annually to a returning student who has demonstrated special interest in Women's Studies.

Jane Rodgers Scholarship. Established in 2002 in memory of Jane Rodgers, wife of Dean Bernard Rodgers, by their friends within and beyond the Simon's Rock community, this \$1500 scholarship is awarded annually on the basis of need and merit to support an Upper College student concentrating in literary or environmental studies.

Pamela Sweeney Scholarship. Established in memory of Pamela Sweeney '89 by her family and friends, this \$500 scholarship is awarded annually to a student who is a candidate for the BA degree with a focus in the Visual Arts or Women's Studies.

Dinah Wernick Scholarship. Established and endowed in 2004 in memory of Dinah Wernick '75 by her family and friends, this \$1500 scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing study in the Upper College based on merit and need. To recognize Dinah's dual passions in poetry and environmental science, the scholarship is awarded each year to a BA student with a concentration in Literary Studies/Creative Writing, preferably with a strong interest in poetry, or to a student concentrating in Environmental Studies.

DEANS' SCHOLARSHIPS (awarded by Deans)

NON-DIVISIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Thomas H. Blodgett Scholarships*. Established by the Margaret Kendrick Blodgett Foundation to honor the father of the founder of Simon's Rock, these \$1000 scholarships are awarded annually to six returning students. One category of scholarships is available to students who qualify for financial aid; another category is limited to seniors in the BA program who do not qualify for financial aid. Both groups of scholars are selected on the basis of academic excellence and demonstrated contributions to enhancing the quality of life at Simon's Rock.

Faculty Scholarships*

These scholarships are awarded to six returning sophomores with outstanding academic records.

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Lena Liebowitz Scholarship. Established by overseer Murray Liebowitz and his wife, Patti, in memory of his mother, this \$5000 two-year scholarship is awarded annually on the basis of need to a student entering the Upper College who is a first- or second-generation American or a transfer to Simon's Rock from Bard High School Early College.

Murray Liebowitz Scholarship*

Established in 1989 by his wife, Patti, his family, and his friends on the occasion of his 60th birthday, this two-year scholarship is named in honor of Overseer Emeritus Murray Liebowitz, the former vice chair of the Board of Overseers and father of an alumna. It is awarded annually to a returning student with a strong academic record.

Sarah E. Prusoff Scholarship. (*This scholarship is awarded every other year – next application available in March 2016.*) Established in 2005 by the Prusoff family and honoring the academic commitments and insights of alumna Sarah Prusoff, this scholarship provides financial support to an AA graduate pursuing a BA degree at Simon's Rock. It is awarded every other year to a meritorious student with financial need, and provides support for two years. The Sarah E. Prusoff Scholarship may be applied to Junior year expenses for activities including but not limited to study abroad.

Ñacuñán Sáez Scholarship*. Established by the Faculty Senate and the Board of Overseers in memory of Dr. Ñacuñán Sáez, faculty member in languages and literature at Simon's Rock from 1984 to 1992, this \$500 scholarship is awarded annually to a returning student who exemplifies Ñacuñán Sáez's qualities of wit, breadth of interest, and delight in learning.

Leslie R. Sander Scholarship. Established in memory of Leslie R. Sander '87, this \$1000 scholarship is awarded annually to a candidate for the BA degree who has demonstrated academic excellence and has served the Simon's Rock community in a meaningful way.

Martin B.C. Simpson Scholarship*

Established in 1996 in memory of Martin Simpson by his wife, Patricia, and son, David '86, this scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding student with financial need. Preference is given to first-generation United States immigrants, with equal gender representation among the recipients of this award.

Baird W. Whitlock Scholarship. Established in honor of the College's second president, this \$4000 scholarship is awarded annually to a returning student of high academic standing who is a candidate for the BA degree.

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FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS (awarded by Deans)

Clark Early College Fellows

This fellowship recognizes bright, talented students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership ability and potential. The Clark Early College Fellows Program was endowed in 2008 by Overseer and alumnus James McConnell Clark '76, who believes that access to an outstanding liberal arts education should not be determined by a student's age or financial resources but by his or her ability and motivation.

Riversville Foundation Scholarships

Established in 2007 by the Riversville Foundation, Riversville Scholarships support talented African-American students with significant unmet financial need. Riversville Scholarships are awarded to returning students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and campus engagement during their freshman year at Simon's Rock.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS (awarded by Deans)

Gabriel V. Asfar Scholarship. The recipient of the Gabriel V. Asfar Scholarship, which was established in 2012, is an international student or one who has been raised in a culturally and linguistically diverse home; has significant merit as well as need, with merit being the primary consideration, and need being an important secondary consideration; and shows strong evidence of volunteerism and civic engagement. Students who have made significant contributions to residence life and student affairs are given priority. This scholarship is awarded bi-annually.

Race Task Force Scholarship (*awarded on an annual basis only if available from the fundraising events*). This scholarship is awarded to a returning student to support their junior or senior year of study at Simon's Rock. The award goes to a student who has shown a commitment in their studies and/or in their community activities to working to combat racism and promote social justice. This is a one-year scholarship, the amount to be determined by the outcome of our annual Racing Against Racism event.

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