Synovus Sophomore Scholars Grants

The Council on Student Scholarship invites submissions of applications for the Synovus Scholars Program. This annual scholarship awards up to $2,000 to Berry College students who are rising sophomores and $500 for faculty or staff mentors to support projects related to the student's exploration of academic, research or growth experiences such as practicums, research, internships, entrepreneurial service or work projects, or artistic endeavors.

Eligibility Criteria
Students who meet the following criteria are invited to apply by March 1:

- Full-time student status
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Completion of at least 12 credit hours but no more than 30 credit hours in residence at Berry College
- Endorsement of a faculty sponsor

Application
Applicants must submit the following materials:

- Completed student application - click here for the application
- Current resume
- Recommendation letter endorsing the proposal from a faculty member
- All applications must be typed

Faculty or Staff Mentor’s Letter of Support

1.) The letter of support should be submitted from a full-time college teaching faculty or full-time staff member from the discipline/area to be explored.

2.) The letter should address two main areas: (a) How the project will foster the student’s exploration within a disciplinary, co-curricular or extracurricular area (b) Why the student would be a good candidate for the Synovus Scholars program.

Nomination letters should comment on

- the feasibility of the proposed project
- the estimated time required to complete the project
- the significance of the work for the student
- the qualities of the student, such as motivation, creativity, maturity, that would support his or her ability to be self-directed and diligent

Please limit your comments to 250 words.

3.) Describe what your level of involvement will be in supporting the student in this project. Please limit your comments to 100 words.

Reporting on the Project
The Synovus Scholar must submit a report to the provost’s office summarizing the outcome of the project and analyzing how the experience has supported his or her educational growth as a Berry student. The report will be shared with the Office of First-Year Experience, and the student may be asked to speak to First-Year seminar courses after he or she completes the Scholars project.

**Recognition of the Scholars**

Scholars will be recognized at the annual Honors Night program.