



THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

2018 Scholarship Program

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1. Deadline for scholarship applications is May 15, 2018. Winners will be announced on July 7, 2018.
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, essay, etc.)
4. If you have any questions about the application, please email scholarships@heinleinsociety.org.

Purpose: To provide scholarship to three deserving full time students attending a four-year college.

Award Components: Three (3) \$1,500 scholarships awarded to students selected by The Heinlein Society. The "Virginia Heinlein Memorial Scholarship" is dedicated to a female candidate studying in a STEM field (see "Eligibility Requirements" below). The other two scholarships (the Yoji Kondo and Jerry Pournelle scholarships) may be awarded to either a male or female, and add "Science Fiction as literature" as an eligible field of study. All female candidates studying in a STEM field will be considered for the "Ginny" first, and then considered for the other two scholarships if they are not awarded the "Ginny". If you wish to be considered for the "Ginny", click [here](#):

The initial composition of the Awards committee for 2018 is Keith Kato, Ph.D. (President), Pauline Bennett, Ph.D., Marie Guthrie, Ph.D., Betsey Wilcox, USAF-Ret, Beatrice Kondo, Ph.D., Mike Sheffield (Chairman, and President Emeritus), and Geo Rule (Vice President-Secretary). THS reserves the right to change the composition of the Awards committee if time constraints prevent a member from serving, or additional worthy members volunteer to serve and are accepted by the existing committee.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicant must be a full time undergraduate student enrolled in an accredited college that awards Bachelor of Science or Arts degrees.
2. Major must be Science Fiction as Literature, Engineering, Math, or Physical or Biological Sciences.
3. Open to residents of any country.
4. Previous winners may enter again, but must write on a different topic than their winning entry.

Application Process

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form. Only this PDF application form will be accepted, and must be returned by email to scholarships@heinleinsociety.org.
2. A brief explanation of career goals and biographical (background) information on page 3.
3. A 500 – 1,000 word essay on one of the subjects listed on page 4.

Deadline for the application is **May 15, 2018**. Applications emailed after this date will not be considered.

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List the name of any college you have attended.		Year Began	Year Ended
A.			
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C.			
List any community service you have done.		Year Began	Year Ended
A.			
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Enter a brief explanation of career goals and biographical (background) information (approx. 250 words):

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Write a 500 – 1,000 word essay on one of the following subjects. If you have applied in the past, you must choose a different topic than previously:

- a. How Robert Heinlein affected my career choice.
- b. Discuss the 'Golden Age of SF' and Robert Heinlein's role in it.
- c. Most of the Heinlein estate and literary legacy is devoted to commercial space activities (the mission of the Heinlein Prize Trust). Given that and Elon Musk (winner of the Heinlein Prize for Commercial Space Activities) and the Falcon Heavy launch with his Tesla Roadster with Starman inside, discuss Heinlein's *Man Who Sold the Moon*, and other works, in comparison with these current events and Heinlein's view of space expansion going forward. Government initiated, or private/commercial initiated? Which is better? Which will ultimately be the way forward?
- d. Robert Heinlein said "The golden age of science has yet to begin." Evaluate this statement compared to your technical field.
- e. Discuss the advantages to the human race of a permanent settlement on the Moon or Mars.
- f. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has increased to the point where driverless cars, robotics for manufacture, and chess-playing can be done without humans. Anticipate what will happen to economics and society in general as AI and robotics assume a larger portion of human activity. What will happen to humans whose jobs are displaced therefrom?
- g. What does the phrase "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" imply for scientists and engineers?

Enter Essay text here:

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

(name entered by email submission will be regarded as signature)