

# APPLICATION FOR LETTERMAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

**SUBMISSIONS DUE IN BC 201 BY 5:00 p.m., MONDAY APRIL 12, 2021**

The **LETTERMAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIPS** were established during the 1985-1986 academic year by David M. Letterman, 1970 Radio-Television graduate of Ball State University. The purpose of the scholarships is to provide financial assistance to Ball State majors and minors in Telecommunications. Since 1987-1988, three scholarships have been awarded each academic year.

## **CRITERIA**

GRADES ARE NOT to be a criterion or condition for eligibility, evaluation or consideration, but a recipient's grades must be high enough to meet minimum enrollment requirements of Ball State University and the Department of Telecommunications.

Each scholarship is to be awarded on the primary basis of CREATIVITY. This may be in the form of a written project, a research effort, an audio project, interactive media project, a computer graphics design, website, or similar presentation, so long as it can be defined as creative in the area of Telecommunications. The submission should be the "**intellectual property of one person,**" not a team. **If this is a collaborative effort, only ONE person can be designated the winner. The group will be required to select the designee and submit that person's name, in writing, with signatures of everyone involved in the collaborative group.**

The Letterman Telecommunications Scholarships will be awarded regardless of such non-pertinent factors as race, creed, sex, national origin, ethnic background, or handicap. It is understood that the recipients of the scholarships shall give their consent to publicity regarding the scholarships and will provide a copy of their entry to be included in the Letterman Scholarship Library.

## **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

The winner will receive \$10,000; the first runner-up will receive \$5,000 and the second runner-up will receive \$3,333. The money will be dispersed through the Financial Aid and Scholarships office. Monies will be applied to the student's tuition, room and board and personal expenses directly related to attendance at Ball State University for one school year. However, if money is dispersed as a check it will be taxed.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Wes Gehring, (765) 285-1495 ([wesgehring@bsu.edu](mailto:wesgehring@bsu.edu)), or Kris Scott, Department Administrative Coordinator, (765) 285-1480 ([ksscott@bsu.edu](mailto:ksscott@bsu.edu)).

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ BSU ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

University Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***To be eligible***, you must be a declared major or minor in Telecommunications at Ball State and be actively enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits at the time of this application. You must have earned at least 30 credits at the time of this application. You must enroll in at least 12 credits at Ball State in each of the next fall and spring semesters following the announcement of the award. Students who drop below 12 credits in either of the next fall and spring semesters will forfeit their award.

## **CATEGORY AND TITLE OF CREATIVE ENDEAVOR**

Written \_\_\_\_\_ Audio \_\_\_\_\_ Video \_\_\_\_\_ Interactive Media Project \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE OF PROJECT** \_\_\_\_\_

**CREATIVE PROJECTS DUE IN THE TCOM OFFICE, BC 201, BY MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 AT 5:00PM**

## **HOW DO I APPLY?**

Submit your creative project with this completed application together with a list of the TCOM courses for which you have earned credit. Also include a description (no more than 2 pages) of how you conceived, developed, and prepared your creative project. Be sure to credit all outside assistance you have received in any form. Remember, this is the vision of an individual not a team. Though some entries might necessitate a crew, the submission should still be the "**intellectual property of one person.**" **If this is a collaborative effort, only ONE person can be designated the winner. The group will be required to select the designee and submit that person's name, in writing, with the entry, including the signatures of everyone involved in the collaborative group.**

## **EVALUATION PROCESS**

A committee of full-time TCOM faculty and two graduate students will evaluate your creative endeavor. Each evaluator will work independently. The point totals from each evaluator will be tallied and ranked by a designated representative of the department. The awards will be presented at the Telecommunications Awards Ceremony, to be held on the evening of April 29, 2021, at 6 p.m.

## **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

All winners may be required to demonstrate proof of their project's authenticity before a review board. Therefore, it is an important that you keep all source material for the review. Failure to comply with the interview process will jeopardize your award.

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