

## ***The Dr. Timothy C. and Mrs. Cynthia B. Sell Student Award, promoting diversity and inclusion***

Donors Dr. Timothy Sell and Mrs. Cynthia Sell have established an endowed fund in SHRS to promote diversity and inclusion within the student body.

The SHRS Faculty Executive Committee will choose the award recipient(s) in mid-January and the award will be applied to the student's spring tuition bill. Awards will be presented annually pending receipt of qualifying applications.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Must be an SHRS student enrolled **full time in a degree seeking program as either an undergraduate or graduate.**
  - If you are a **current SHRS Undergraduate** and you have been accepted into a SHRS graduate degree starting in the spring term **you are eligible to apply.**
  - If you are **NOT a current SHRS Undergraduate** but will be starting a SHRS Graduate degree in the spring term, **you are NOT eligible to apply.**
- Must be a student **in good standing** at the time of application.
  - Undergrad students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.000 or higher.
  - Grad students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.000 or higher.

**FAQ:** What cumulative GPA is used and if you are below the minimum right now can you apply?

- ❖ We will pull your **overall** cumulative GPA that is reported on your transcript in January after all fall term grades are submitted. This **overall** cumulative GPA includes **all courses taken** for your undergraduate or graduate degree.
- ❖ If you are below a 2.000 or 3.000 overall cumulative GPA currently but feel you will bring up your overall cumulative GPA at the end of the fall term to the required minimum, please apply! All GPA's will be verified in January, before the applications are submitted to the executive committee for consideration.

**Note:** if this is your first term with SHRS or if you were a post-baccalaureate (non-degree seeking) and you are now enrolled as a degree seeking SHRS student, your overall cumulative GPA will be based on this term.

- **Must be graduating in 2023 or later.** (Award is applied to Spring tuition bill)

### **Criteria for Selection:**

**You must submit a personal essay** of approximately **250 words maximum** (essays above 250 words will not be considered) outlining your professional goals and service (beyond what is required by your academic program). **You will be able to copy and paste an essay into the on-line application.**

### **Your essay must include a response to the following 3 questions:**

1. How have you served as a role model for minority or underserved populations?
2. What volunteer involvement did you provide and how did your efforts support minority/underserved initiatives?
3. How have your experiences and contributions to minority and underserved people impacted you personally?

**Selection of Awardees:** Awardees will be selected by the SHRS Executive Committee.

Students will be notified in writing if they are or are not selected to receive an award in mid-January.