



Academic Enrichment Award • 2026-2027

Academic Enrichment Awards were created by the UD Alumni Association (UDAA) in 2001 to provide, through financial assistance, an opportunity for students to enrich their education at the University of Delaware. **In 2011, the criterion for funding was updated and only legacy students are eligible to receive funding. Legacy is defined as a student whose parent or step-parent who is a UD graduate.** Preference is given to first-time applicants, undergraduates and students who have found other funding sources. Up to \$2,000 per student may be awarded to allow a student to take part in an opportunity in which he/she may not otherwise be able to participate. These opportunities to enrich the UD experience may include, but are not limited to, academic competitions, symposia, conferences, leadership programs or other academic endeavors.

Examples of recent programs receiving individual awards include:

- Performing at the Chamber Music Festival in Bastad, Sweden.
- Presentation of research at the International Conference of the Book in Madrid.
- Receiving an award at Music Teacher's National Association Conference.

Students with an overall grade point average of 3.0 or above are eligible to apply. Receipts must be submitted for all money received. No portion of the award may be used for alcohol. Study abroad programs without additional discovery, research or service-learning opportunities are not eligible. **Please refer to the AEA website for a full description of funding criteria and guidelines.**

Applications will be considered two times during the year 2026-2027, according to the following schedule:

Apply by:	Notified via email by:
November 1, 2026	December 1, 2026
March 1, 2027	March 31, 2027

Funds are limited so applicants are encouraged to apply at the earliest possible deadline.

To apply for the Academic Enrichment Award, complete the attached application and submit it along with:

- An essay, not to exceed two pages, explaining why you are a good candidate for this award, detailing your legacy connection and what your UD legacy connection means to you.
- Include, in essay or otherwise, a detailed description of the program, conference, competition, etc. for which you wish funding and indicate the dollar amount you would like to receive (\$2,000 maximum per student per year).
- Include detailed documentation that verifies the cost of the program (i.e. website printouts, travel agent quotes, mileage estimates for gas costs from website, etc). The committee needs to see how your costs are calculated and where the estimates came from. An expense form is included in the application to help you calculate the amount of your request.
- One letter of reference from your faculty advisor or a member of the UD community who endorses your proposal and how you would use the award. Reference letters from outside UD may be submitted as additional support.
- An unofficial or official copy of your transcript.

The UDAA carefully reviews every application for an Academic Enrichment Award in accordance with the above criteria. As funding is limited, all eligible individuals may not receive an award. The decision of the AEA Committee as to whether to grant an award is final. The UDAA reserves the right to determine the criteria for awarding AEA funding.

Questions? Contact the Alumni Association via email at alumni-association@udel.edu.



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Applicant's Name _____

Provide the general nature of the program:

Date(s) of program: _____ Amount requested \$_____ Overall GPA _____

Birth date ____ / ____ / ____ Undergrad. Student ☐ Graduate Student ☐ Expected Grad Year _____

Major(s) _____ Minor(s) _____ College _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone () _____

Local Phone () _____ E-mail _____

Reference Name _____ E-mail _____

List the full name(s) and graduation year(s) of your family members who are UD graduates –
NOTE: this list *must include at least one parent or step-parent* to be eligible for funding & please include
an email address for your parent(s):

Have you previously received an Academic Enrichment Award? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, date(s) of award(s) and amount: _____ (Month, year & amount)

Application checklist (in addition to this application and expense form):

☐ Essay ☐ Program Description ☐ Cost documentation ☐ Reference letter ☐ Transcript

I verify that all information in this application is valid. I release the UD Alumni Association from
any liability regarding all aspects of the program for which I am applying, and I authorize the UDAA
to contact the Office of Judicial Affairs to review my disciplinary records, if any.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return the application and required attachments to:

UDAA Academic Enrichment Award • alumni-association@udel.edu

Preferred format is one PDF emailed all together.

University of Delaware Alumni Association
Academic Enrichment Award Expense Form – Individual 2026-2027

Please calculate all costs that apply to your Academic Enrichment Award request and provide details on the line below each category. You must include verification of these costs in your application.

Expense	Details	Amount
Airfare, bus, car rental:		\$
Other transportation costs:		\$
Gas/Mileage		\$
Registration/program/conference fees:		\$
Hotel:		\$
Other items (please specify):		\$
Total cost of the program: <i>(please include TOTAL cost, event expenses not being applied for)</i>		\$
Total amount requested (not to exceed \$2000)		\$
Please list the amount you are contributing and other sources of funding you are earning through fundraising, grants, etc.:		