

Binghamton Scholarships & Awards

- **N. Theodore Sommer Prelaw Award: two 250-word essays required**

The N. Theodore Sommer Prelaw Award is made to a senior who plans to attend law school and who has demonstrated a commitment to community service, either on or off campus. An outstanding record of student achievement is also required. In **their junior** year, applicants submit an application to the Academic Advising Office (SW 110) no later than the announced deadline in early March. Selection will be announced in the Spring, and the award of \$500 is made at the Fall Awards Ceremony.

- **Eugene C. Gerhart Senior Law Award**

This award of \$375 is given to the pre-law senior who has achieved the highest undergraduate GPA at Binghamton University, through the Fall semester of the senior year. No application is needed for this award, however students must open a pre-law file in the Academic Advising Office no later than the Fall semester of their senior year in order to be considered, and must apply to law school in their senior year. To be eligible for this award, seniors must open a pre-law file by completing the pre-law questionnaire. [LINK](#)

Broome County Bar Association Grant: essay required

The Broome County Bar Association offers an annual grant of \$750 to a senior who has been accepted by an ABA-accredited law school. Students must submit a one-page essay and official transcript. Information about this grant is posted on the pre-law listserv and is available in the Harpur Academic Advising Office, SW 110..

Harpur College Law Council Public Interest Law Internship ([link to web site](#))

National Scholarships and Awards

Pre-law or law students are also eligible to apply for the following national competitive programs. Selection committees for these programs expect to see an excellent academic record and sustained involvement in extracurricular activities with evidence of leadership a real plus. For more information, please contact:

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- **Morris K. Udall Scholarship** (www.udall.gov/p_scholarship.asp) awarded to students planning a career related to environmental public policy. Applied for during sophomore or junior year; provides \$5,000 per year for the junior and/or senior year of college. Deadline is early March.
- **Truman Scholarship** (www.truman.gov) awarded to students planning a career in government or public service. This \$30,000 scholarship is applied for during junior year; the campus deadline for applying is mid-November. The majority of the award is to support graduate study.
- **Soros Fellowship for New Americans** (www.pdsoros.org) provide \$20,000 per year, plus half the cost of tuition for 2 -3 years of graduate school. Applied for in the senior year or during the first year of graduate study.
- **Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship** (www.jackkentcookefoundation.org) awarded to graduating seniors or recent graduates' provides \$50,000 per year for up to six years of graduate study.
- **Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest** (www.eliewieselfoundation.org) is open to juniors and seniors; several prizes are awarded - first prize is \$5,000.