

School of Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics

"Frances E. Smith Scheidel Scholarships in Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics"

<https://slcl.illinois.edu/frances-e-smith-scheidel-scholarship>

APPLICATION FORM

Application deadline: February 19, 2026

The fund was established in 2007 thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Scheidel, whose personal history included returning after a significant interruption to get her Illinois degree.

Scholarships are awarded to undergraduate students majoring in one of the departments in the School of Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics (SLCL) in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, who have overcome significant hurdles to achieve academic success. Recipients must be enrolled in one of the SLCL departments in the year in which they hold the award.

Whenever possible, preference shall be given to female students and, if candidates can be identified, female students returning to higher education after an interruption due to any circumstances and who demonstrates financial need.

The scholarship may be used for any education-related expenses including tuition, fees, books, childcare, supplies, parking, transportation, and room and board.

Up to four \$1,000 scholarships may be awarded for the academic year.

Application materials (please attach)

- ✓ Complete application form
- ✓ Personal statement (500 words maximum)
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Current transcript (provided by SLCL Student Services)
- ✓ Letter of recommendation from a faculty member in a department/program in SLCL
- ✓ Electronic signature accepted

STUDENT NAME: _____ UIN: _____

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

MAJOR: _____ PHONE: _____

MINOR: _____

Class in 2026-2027: ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

GPA: _____ (based on _____ credit hours)

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit application materials by February 19, 2026 to:

slclundergradservices@illinois.edu