AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

Undergraduate Awards

The Alpha Omicron Pi Prize Scholarship
Founded by the Boston Alumnae of the Delta Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi, is awarded to that student who best represents the combination of very high scholarship and significant participation in social service work.

The Alpha Xi Delta Prize Scholarship
Founded by the Boston Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta, is awarded to that junior who, throughout the freshman and sophomore years, has attained a high scholastic record, and who, by loyal cooperation in college activities of merit, has given evidence of the greatest promise of future achievement.

The Association of Tufts Alumnae Seventy-fifth Anniversary Award
Established to honor a woman student who has provided meritorious service to the Tufts University community, adding to the university by her presence. The student should be a junior or senior with good academic standing. This award was established by the Association of Tufts Alumnae on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary.

The Benjamin G. Brown Scholarship
Established in 1947 by the bequest of Robert C. Brown of the Class of 1888 in honor of his father, Benjamin G. Brown, one time Walker Professor of Mathematics at Tufts. These scholarships are awarded to seniors who have shown promise in scientific research in fields other than chemistry.

The Bennett Memorial Scholarship
Founded in 1924 by the Class of 1914 in memory of William Joseph Bennett, scholar, athlete, and a member of this class, who met his death during World War I. The scholarship is awarded to that student who best exemplifies the qualities of true sportsmanship as exhibited by the man whose name it bears.

The Gemma Cifarelli Memorial Scholarship
Established in 1956 by classmates and fellow students in memory of Gemma Cifarelli of the Class of 1957, is awarded to a junior who has combined good academic standing with participation in activities of importance to the university.

The Prize Scholarship of the Class of 1882.
Founded by Dr. Arthur Winslow Pierce, A'82, Liit. D. ’99, in the name of his college class, is reserved for an undergraduate student with great potential for intellectual leadership and creativity.
The Class of 1898 Prize
From a fund established by the Class of 1898, are awarded as follows: one prize each to that student in the College of Liberal Arts, in Jackson College, and in the College of Engineering who, having completed two years at Tufts University, has best demonstrated high scholarly ability together with a wide range or intellectual interests and competence.

The Class of 1911 Prize Scholarships
From the Class of 1911 Fund, are awarded to seniors of engaging personality who, from matriculation as freshmen to the senior year, have, in the judgement of the Committee on Academic Awards, made most progress as measured both by academic record and by successful participation in extracurricular activities of enduring worth.

The Class of 1942 Prize Scholarship
Founded in 1985 by Elaine and Grant Curtis in honor of the women and men of the class who served their country, and in particular the five who served their Alma Mater for more than an aggregate 125 years (Professor Freeland Abbott, Dean Grant Curtis, Dr. Nelson Fontneau, Professor Burleigh Wellington, and William Wells, Esq.). The prize is awarded annually to seniors considered by other undergraduates, faculty, or staff, as the “most likely to become outstanding university teachers, counselors, or administrators.” Written nominations, stressing how the nominee has already served or contributed to the university, should be sent to the Faculty Committee on Academic Awards.

The Community Service Award
Presented annually to undergraduate and graduate students who have provided exceptional community service that is much needed by the beneficiaries, even though it often goes unnoticed by the general public. The award recognizes those who, as individuals or as part of a Tufts volunteer organization, have given special service at Tufts or to the larger community. Service should generally represent activities which occur outside the student’s required program of study and outside of elective office or employment.

The Donald A. Cowdery Memorial Scholarship
Founded in 1946 by Jeanetta Wilson Cowdery Black, F’46, in memory of her husband, Donald A. Cowdery, Class of 1939, who was killed in action in World War II, is awarded annually to that senior or junior whose academic achievements and personal qualities of leadership and high principle have been outstanding.

The Alex Elias Memorial Prize Scholarship
Established in 1966 by the Brotherhood of Alpha Epsilon Pi and friends of Alex Elias within and outside the university, is awarded to that junior or senior who best displays those high standards in community activities and in athletic and scholarship pursuits for which Alex Elias was well known.

The Frederick Melvin Ellis Prize
Established in 1968 by fellow alumni, students, and friends of the late Professor Frederick "Fish" Ellis of the Class of 1929, the outstanding four-sport athlete of his day...
and possibly the greatest Tufts College has ever known, is awarded to a student who has demonstrated marked athletic versatility, a modest manner, successful academic achievement, and the potential for effective leadership of youth.

**The Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Development Prize** recognizes a “senior major who best exemplifies a combination of high academic achievement and the promise of outstanding teaching ability.” *(Univ. Award)*

**The Eliot-Pearson Undergraduate Research-Practice Integration Award** goes to the undergraduate student(s) with accomplishments and promise in the integration of research and practice in child development. *(Dept. Award)*

**The Eliot-Pearson Alumni Award** recognizes the graduating senior or graduate student (May Commencement) best exemplifying service, leadership, and the spirit of Eliot-Pearson and Tufts. *(Dept. Award)*

**The Ivan Galantic Special Achievement in Humanities Prize**
Named after Ivan Galantic, Professor of Art History 1971-1989, is awarded to a student who has demonstrated the inclination and capacity to cultivate an integrative approach to learning; one who reaches for wisdom, not simply knowledge.

**The Audrey Butvay Gruss Science Award**
Awarded annually, with preference for a female student, to a student who has demonstrated outstanding academic work in any of the sciences and who is a scholarship recipient. This award was established in 1992 by Audrey Butvay Gruss, an alumna of Jackson College.

**The Audrey L. Hale Prize**
Established in 1995 in honor of Audrey L. Hale for forty-seven years of extraordinary service to Tufts University, including fourteen years as assistant provost, is to be awarded to an undergraduate student in the junior or senior year who has demonstrated academic excellence and a commitment to international understanding through acts of compassion and humanity. The recipient, who is able to achieve his/her educational goals through personal and financial sacrifice, will be determined and recommended by the dean of students.

**The Ethel M. Hayes Scholarship**
Founded by the Tufts Alumnae Association in 1946, in memory of Ethel M. Hayes, Class of 1896, college librarian (1896-1943), is awarded to an undergraduate dependent to some extent on his or her own efforts to meet the cost of education and whose work throughout the preceding year has been such excellence that he or she is deemed worth of high academic distinction.

**The Alex Mendell Memorial Scholarship**
Awarded annually to a sophomore or junior who, through, his or her leadership in a variety of campus activities, brings together students representing a broad spectrum of
the community. Like the student in whose memory the award is made, the recipient should demonstrate a generosity of spirit and character that both contributes to the self-esteem of others and to their love of Tufts.

**The Ellen C. Myers Memorial Prize**
Established in 1982 in honor of Ellen Myers, J’82, an example of great courage and mental fortitude as she pursued her degree while battling an incurable illness. The prize is to be awarded to a junior or senior who has shown character, diligence, and perseverance in achieving high scholarship standards in the face of adverse circumstances while working toward a bachelor’s degree at Tufts University.

**The Melissa Beth Myers Award**
Presented annually to a graduating BFA or BFA in art education student in recognition of academic excellence, personal growth and his/her ability to achieve this success while overcoming substantial educational and/or personal obstacles.

**The Multicultural Service Award**
For an undergraduate who has made significant efforts to define Tufts as a multicultural environment in which race, ethnicity, religion, class, gender, and sexual preference are not barriers to the full enjoyment of community membership.

**The Pride on the Hill Award**
Named after the Tufts Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association, will honor undergraduates or graduate students who, through community involvement, artistic expression, written work, or scientific research have most contributed during the preceding academic year to an understanding at Tufts gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender identities.

**The Dr. Philip E. A. Sheridan Prize**
Established in 1977 by bequest of Dr. Sheridan, classes of Liberal Arts, 1908, and Medicine, 1912. The prize is awarded annually to the student who has shown the most improvement through the junior year in Bachelor of Arts course work.

**The Tufts University Alumni Association Senior Award**
This award is presented to graduating Arts, Sciences, and Engineering seniors for: (a) outstanding student leadership, (b) significant academic achievement (3.0 GPA or higher), (c) extraordinary service to Tufts and the greater community, and (d) demonstrated potential to be an alumni leader. Such a person serves as an example for their peers and all alumni by demonstrating service, loyalty, commitment, and leadership to Tufts and/or their community.