

SOCIOLOGY PROGRAM STUDENT AWARDS

2023-24

The Sociology program grants a variety of student awards each year. These awards are limited to Sociology majors. Details about further eligibility requirements and application procedures can be found below. Awards are issued at the discretion of the Sociology Awards Committee and will not be granted if there are no suitable nominations or applications.

The application deadline is **May 6**, unless noted otherwise.

Submit questions and nominations to the chair of this year's Sociology Awards Committee:

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Academic Excellence in Sociology Award

This award recognizes a student who excels in Sociology coursework and makes a compelling argument for the importance of studying Sociology.

- Eligibility requirements:
 - Sociology major.
 - Junior or Senior class standing.
 - Cumulative OSU GPA is 3.5 or higher.
 - At least 24 Sociology credits completed (check in MyDegrees).
 - GPA in your major (Sociology) is 3.5 or higher (check in MyDegrees).
- To apply:
 - Please note: This award is by invitation-only.
 - The Sociology Awards Committee and the Sociology Advisor will identify students who may be eligible by April 15 and invite them to apply.
 - Invited students who are eligible may apply by writing and submitting an original essay answering the question: *"How has sociology helped you to better understand your own life history and your vision for your future?"* The essay should be 3-5 pages (double-spaced).
 - Students are strongly encouraged to consult MyDegrees to confirm their eligibility for this award.
- Prize: \$500

Conference Presentation Award

This award recognizes a student who delivers the best paper, poster, or roundtable talk at a scholarly or professional conference.

- Eligibility requirements:
 - Sociology major.
 - At least 24 Sociology credits completed.
 - GPA of at least 3.0 in sociology coursework.
- To apply:
 - Students should submit their paper/poster/PPT, with a brief description (<1 page) of the work and where and when the student presented it.
- Prize: \$200

Faculty Recognition Award

This award recognizes a student who writes the best paper submitted in a Sociology course (*other than SOC 318, a WIC class*).

- Eligibility requirements:
 - Sociology major.
 - At least 24 Sociology credits completed.
 - GPA of at least 3.0 in sociology coursework.
- To apply:
 - Sociology faculty will nominate student papers from their courses.
- Prize: \$100

William C. Jenne Experiential Learning Award

This award recognizes a sociology major who is actively “doing sociology” in the community, with a strong preference for work that addresses social justice.

- Eligibility requirements:
 - Sociology major.
- To apply:
 - Students should write an essay on the topic “Doing Sociology.” The essay should address the following questions: (1) What have you learned through your work in the community? (2) How has your work in the community deepened your sociological awareness and/or contributed to social justice? (3) What connection do you see between your coursework in sociology and the work you are doing in the community? The essay should be no longer than three pages (double-spaced).
- Prize: \$400

WIC Culture of Writing Award in Sociology

This award recognizes a student who writes the best paper submitted in SOC 318 (Qualitative Research Methods) taken anytime during or after Spring term of the previous academic year.

- Eligibility requirements:
 - Sociology major.
- To apply:
 - Sociology faculty will nominate student papers from their courses.
- Prize: \$100

Distinguished Seniors of Sociology

This award recognizes and commends graduating senior majors’ achievement of academic distinction.

- Eligibility requirements:
 - Sociology major
 - Graduated or graduating in Fall, Winter, Spring, or (upcoming) Summer.
 - Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 **and** minimum GPA of 3.9 in Sociology coursework.
- To apply:
 - The Sociology Awards Committee and the Sociology Advisor will identify all eligible students and notify award recipients.
- Prize: Certificate