

## **The Application Process**

Interested students should learn about these scholarships as early as possible in their UConn careers because competitive applications require a multi-year engagement in relevant activities. Each competition seeks students who possess an unusual passion for the specific mission of the scholarship program. This mission will determine which activities are important for an applicant to pursue. Students should take full advantage of opportunities at UConn by: getting to know faculty; finding out about research opportunities; joining a campus group and becoming a leader; studying abroad; reading widely; going to talks on campus and asking questions; and, quite importantly, defining what is important to them and what they would like to do and be. In addition to making students more competitive for these scholarships, these activities will greatly enhance the undergraduate experience, and prepare students for the challenges of life after UConn.

The ONS advertises each scholarship six to twelve months before the national deadline. Students submit pre-applications, which are reviewed by faculty committees. The committees nominate students for most national competitions; students cannot self-nominate. The nominees work closely with the ONS and other faculty as they write and rewrite their applications. The application process is time-consuming and is structured as an educational experience for the student. Pre-applications are available by clicking on the scholarship link in the left sidebar. For an overview of pre-application deadlines and eligibility please click [SUMMARY](#).