

## Free Application Waiver Application

The Political Science Department, in cooperation with EIU's Graduate School, is able to waive the \$30 EIU graduate application fee for a number of graduate applicants to our program. In order to receive this grant award, applicants must meet the following criteria:

**Scholarship:** Applicants must provide evidence of an undergraduate cumulative GPA at the time of application of 3.25 or higher (4.0 scale). Applicants should send their official transcripts to EIU's Graduate School as part of the normal application process.

**Achievements:** Applicants should provide a summary of their academic, research or service contributions and accomplishments while pursuing their undergraduate degree. These achievements should be described in a 500 word essay.

**Consideration:** Consideration will be given to applicants underrepresented in graduate study, applicants who can provide evidence of being among the first generation in a family to pursue graduate study and/or any applicant who has life experiences that add to the diversity of our graduate student cohort.

**Application process:** Applicants should send their 500 word essay to Professor Ryan Burge, at [rpburge@eiu.edu](mailto:rpburge@eiu.edu). Applicants should then complete their full application to the Graduate School and the Political Science Department, which includes the completion of the online application, two reference letters with our accompanying departmental reference form, their personal statement, and their undergraduate transcripts. When completing the Banner application online, do not submit your payment fee until you have been notified by Professor Burge of your grant application. Earning an Admission Grant does not insure degree candidacy.

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