

The Michael B. Preston Scholarship in Urban Politics and Civil Rights 2025–2026 Application

USC Dornsife is honored to be the home of the Michael B. Preston Scholarship in Urban Politics and Civil Rights. Dr. Preston was a valued professor and administrator who left behind a great legacy of teaching, scholarship, and service. This fund will benefit undergraduate students in Political Science studying urban politics or civil rights, and will serve as a testament to Dr. Preston’s many contributions to USC Dornsife, throughout the university and the community.

Recipients of the award must be full-time undergraduate students in the 2025–2026 academic year who are majoring in Political Science. Students graduating in Fall 2025 are eligible to apply. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, be in good academic standing, and be making satisfactory progress toward the completion of their academic program. The scholarship committee anticipates a total of \$5,000 in awards to be made in 2025–2026.

To apply, send the following information to the email listed below by **5 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2025**.

Send application materials to:

scholarships@dornsife.usc.edu

Subject line: Preston Scholarship application

- This application form, printed and signed. You may scan the form via an app to create a pdf copy to send with the rest of your application, or you may take a photo of the form and email the photo along with the rest of your application.
- A one page statement that explains your background, research, coursework, and/or work experience that underlies your interest in urban politics or civil rights
- A resume (include information regarding your academic achievements, involvement in campus and community organizations, work experience, and notable interests)
- A printout of your most recent STARS report, available on OASIS through the myUSC portal
- One letter of recommendation from a USC faculty member

First Name: _____	Last Name: _____
Local Address: _____	
Permanent Address: _____	
Local Phone Number: _____	Permanent Phone Number: _____
Email: _____	USC ID #: _____
Declared Major(s): _____	Class standing in 2025–2026: _____

All the information provided by me in my application is correct and I hereby give permission to the USC Dornsife Continuing Student Scholarship Committee to verify my academic and financial aid status.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If you have questions, contact USC Dornsife Admission and Student Success at scholarships@dornsife.usc.edu.