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The Lesher Family Scholarship Department of Political Science, University of Southern California 2025–2026 Application

The *Lesher Family Scholarship*, established in honor of Professor Alison Dundes Renteln, provides assistance for promising undergraduate students majoring in Political Science in the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences.

Recipients of the awards must be full-time undergraduate students for the duration of 2025–2026 majoring in Political Science who demonstrate an interest in **human rights, political freedom, international law, leadership, or public policy**. 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. Students graduating in Spring 2025, Summer 2025, or Fall 2025 are not eligible to apply.

To apply, send the following information to the email listed below by the **5 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2025 (extended deadline)**.

Send application materials to: scholarships@dornsife.usc.edu

Subject line: **Lesher Family 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 resume (include information regarding your academic achievements, involvement in campus and community organizations, work experience, and special talents and interests)
- An essay of not more than 500 words in response to the following prompt: Which of these fields (human rights, political freedom, international law, or leadership and public policy) holds the most interest for you and why?
- A printout of your USC Unofficial Transcript, available on OASIS through the myUSC portal. Do NOT submit an official USC transcript, which requires a fee.
- The name of a USC faculty member in the department of Political Science and International Relations who can serve as a reference on your behalf. A letter of recommendation is not needed. Please include the name and contact information (email address and phone number) of the USC faculty member in the box below.

First Name: _____	Last Name: _____
Local Address: _____	
Permanent Address: _____	
Local Phone Number: _____	Permanent Phone Number: _____
Email: _____	USC ID #: _____
Declared Major(s): _____	
Declared Minor(s): _____	
Expected Graduation Date (e.g. May 2026) _____	USC Faculty Reference: _____
Faculty Email Address: _____	Faculty Cell Phone: _____

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions, contact Professor Alison Dundes Renteln at arenteln@usc.edu.