

Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling Student Research Grants and Scholarships

The Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling (ECPG) seeks to seed innovation through supporting student research and education in the fields of psychology, social work, cognitive, or behavioral sciences to address social issues as they apply to Gambling and Gaming Disorders in the following priority areas:

- addressing Gambling and Gaming Disorders as they impact at-risk and vulnerable populations
- understanding the connections between addictive behaviors and health
- understanding and eliminating stigma/intersectional stigmas and prejudice of Gambling and Gaming Disorders as Public Health issues (e.g., culture, race, gender, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, age, disability, and socioeconomic status)
- special concerns of populations that have historically been underrepresented in research on Gambling and Gaming Disorders
- understanding connections between Gambling Disorder and Suicide

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Early Undergraduate (Freshman/Sophomore) Academic Scholarship

(Two cycles per year. Individuals are eligible for one scholarship per year up to \$2,000 each. Anticipate three awards given per year.)

A scholarship for undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need entering their Freshman or Sophomore years who have an interest in studying psychology, social work, cognitive, or behavioral science.

Deadline:

Term 1: October 1 Term 2: April 1

Eligibility

- Be currently enrolled as an undergraduate student (Freshman or Sophomore year) at an accredited Washington State college or university during the academic year.
- Students who have been awarded an undergraduate degree are not eligible. ECPG does offer Graduate-Level master's Thesis and Doctoral Dissertation Research Grants. <https://www.evergreencpg.org/dissertation-research-grant/> or <https://www.evergreencpg.org/graduate-level-academic-thesis-award/>
- All scholarship applicants and recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Applicants must be enrolled as full-time undergraduate students for Fall (minimum 12 credits).

Application Requirements

(One-inch margins, 12-point Garamond/Times New Roman font, single space)

- **Curriculum Vitae (CV) or Resumé:** – two-page maximum.
- **Current transcript:** Unofficial digital transcript should be submitted as a PDF to online application. Successful applicants must submit official transcripts before the scholarship is awarded.
- **Personal essay:** Answer three questions (up to 2,000 words total) about your past, current, and future involvement in the science and application of

psychology/social work/cognitive/behavioral sciences with regard to Gambling and Gaming Disorders, overcoming barriers, and recognizing barriers to social justice.

- **Two Letters of Recommendation:** at least one from a faculty member/advisor who can speak to student's work and interest in behavioral sciences.

Additional Information

The Scholarship Committee has discretion in determining the amount of each award and the number of student recipients, depending on the availability of funds and the pool of applicants each year.

Requirements of Acceptance

1. Awards are made to individuals. ECPG does not allow institutional indirect costs or overhead costs; funding for political or lobbying purposes; entertainment or fundraising expenses. By the end of the academic year, each award recipient must submit a final report (no more than three pages) specifying how the funds were used, which must be signed by the chair or head of the department or the student's faculty advisor.
2. Part of ECPG Student Advisory Committee – commitment for minimum of one year.
3. **Must take (ECPG Sponsored) 2-3 hours of education on Gambling and Gaming through ECPG.**

Please keep in mind:

- ECPG Staff will review all applications for eligibility. Incomplete or ineligible applications will not be considered.
- Your application materials (described in this section) must be received by ECPG on or before the application deadline.
- All applicants for the award will be notified of funding decisions via email within 30 days of submission deadline.
- Be sure to keep a copy of all submitted materials for your records.

Award Distribution

Scholarship awards will be made directly to the student. Proof of class enrollment is required for all scholarship recipients before checks will be distributed.

ABOUT ECPG

The Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to providing services and programs for those with a gambling problem/gambling disorder, their families, employers, students, treatment professionals, and the greater community through gambling and gaming disorder treatment support, information, and education, advocacy, research, and prevention efforts. Founded in 1991, ECPG maintains a position of neutrality on gambling and gaming, recognizing that most people who participate in gambling and gaming do so for recreation and suffer no serious problems. However, for some, gambling and gaming can become serious addictions, devastating to the individual and family.

ECPG Mission

The Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling is dedicated to increasing awareness of public health issues around problem gambling and gaming, expanding the availability and integration of services, and supporting advocacy, research, and programs for education, prevention, treatment, recovery, and responsible gambling and gaming.

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Application Forms

Deadlines:

Grant Cycle 1: October 1 Grant Cycle 2: April 1

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Please read all instructions carefully. In order for an application to be considered, it must be completed with all attachments (See Checklist). Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

Early Undergraduate (Freshman/Sophomore) Academic Scholarship: Application Checklist

Checklist

1. Application Form (complete online)
2. Attestation (included in online application)
3. Current Transcript
4. Personal Essay
5. Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae or Resumé
6. Letters of Recommendation (2)
7. Photo/Info Release

Attestation

I hereby affirm that all of the stated information provided by me in this application packet is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I have not previously been awarded an undergraduate degree.

I understand that I currently have and must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher to receive and maintain this scholarship and be eligible for continued scholarship funds.

I hereby attest to being in good standing in my program, with no pending disciplinary action or probationary periods.

I testify that I am full-time enrolled (minimum 12 credits) in my Freshman or Sophomore year, as of the date signed below.

I understand that, if I am approved for this scholarship, I must complete a 2–3-hour training (ECPG Sponsored) on gambling or gaming, sometime within the term of this scholarship award.

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Name

Date

Current Transcript

Attach: Unofficial digital transcript may be submitted as a PDF for initial application. Successful applicants must submit official transcripts before the scholarship is awarded. (One-inch margins, 12-point Garamond/Times New Roman font, single space)

Personal Essay

Attach: Three-page maximum. Answer three questions about your past, current, and future involvement in the science and application of psychology/social work/cognitive, behavioral sciences with regard to Gambling and Gaming Disorders, overcoming barriers, and recognizing barriers to social justice. (One-inch margins, 12-point Garamond/Times New Roman font, single space)

1. Identify one behavioral health issue related to gambling and/or gaming disorders facing your community. Detail your position on the issue and recommend two to three ideas for addressing the issue. How will you use your education to address this and related issues?
2. Describe any barriers or challenges you have faced in your pursuit of undergraduate education? How did you overcome those challenges, what/whom has and will continue to help you to be successful?
3. What life experiences have you had that have informed your awareness and understanding of barriers faced by under-represented and under-privileged groups and populations in higher education and/or behavioral health services?

Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae (CV) or Resumé

Attach: Two-page maximum; including scientific publications, presentations, research, and teaching experience (the curriculum vitae may contain only highlights and does not need to be a complete version). (One-inch margins, 12-point Garamond/Times New Roman font, single space)

Letters of Recommendation

- One letter of recommendation should come from your primary faculty advisor. One page max.
- The second letter may come from other advisors and/or professors from your declared major department. One page max.
- Applicants should inform letter writers to adhere to a one-page limit. These letters should highlight the significance of your graduate work and research, as well as your potential for supporting the field of Gambling/Gaming Disorders in research, prevention, treatment, or recovery. Please do not arrange for more than two letters of recommendation to be submitted.

- The letter writers must submit the letters directly to the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling -- ECPG/Dissertation Research Grants via email to studentaid@evergreencpg.org.

The student applying for the grant is responsible for confirming that the faculty members have emailed their letters before the deadline. This is the student's responsibility, and applications that do not include both letters of recommendation before the application deadline will be disqualified.

Photo/Info Release

SCHOLARSHIP MEDIA/PHOTO RELEASE FORM

I, _____, hereby grant to the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling, hereinafter ECPG, the right and permission to use any video, photographs, or digital representations of me or the minor named below on whose behalf I am signing, and with respect to any ECPG videos, print materials, or digital communications in connection with education and scholarship programs, and to use my name, or the name of the minor on whose behalf I am signing, in connection with the ECPG Scholarships. I agree that ECPG may use such photographs/images/videos of me or the minor named below on whose behalf I am signing, with or without my name or minor's name and for any lawful purpose, including for example purposes of publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content. I hereby release, discharge and agree to indemnify and hold harmless ECPG, its legal representatives or assigns and all persons acting under its permission or authority, from all claims and demands whatsoever arising out of or in connection with the foregoing, and waive any right to review, inspect, or approve any uses of my likeness for these purposes.

Signature of Subject

Date

Printed Name

Email (Printed)

Phone

Residence/Address

I hereby certify that I am the parent and/or legal guardian of _____, minor under the age of eighteen years, and hereby consent on behalf of said minor to the use of any of the media and/or photographs taken of said minor pursuant to the terms set forth in this ECPG Release Form, including without limitation, the release, discharge and hold harmless provisions thereof.

Signature Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Printed Name & Address

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