
SPRING 2022 FDI BOOK AWARD APPLICATION INSTRUCTION



“To suppress free speech is a double wrong. It violates the rights of the hearer as well as those of the speaker.”

APPLICATION DUE DATE APRIL 1, 2022, at 11:59pm (EST)

Please read the instruction below carefully before you begin the application

The Frederick Douglass Institute at West Chester University of Pennsylvania invites applications for Frederick Douglass Institute Book Award (Two Awards at \$500 each). This book award is open to all full-time students in good academic standing. The Frederick Douglass Institute Book Award provides recipients with an annual stipend for textbooks. The Book Award pays tribute to the value that Douglass placed on education and human rights by presenting worthy recipients with financial support for the academic year. With each Book Award given, the spirit of Douglass stands alongside the recipient, passing on the key to freedom.

To be considered for the book award, you must:

- be a full-time student at WCU. Graduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of 9 credits, and 12 credits for undergraduate students
- Undergraduate students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.75; Graduate students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5
- be in good academic standing; and,
- submit a completed application by **Friday, April 1, 2022**. Your application must be received not later than **11:59pm (EST)** of this date.

COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST HAVE

A biographical information about yourself focusing on your experiences, leadership, and contribution to social justice, equality, and respect for diversity (maximum of 900 characters)

The Biden's Administration has been attacked for confirming that its Supreme Court nomination will be another qualified woman of color (there is already Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor). The nomination fulfills his campaign promise to do so. Also, many argue that such an appointment will provide a fair representation of our population. Using a minimum of two historical references discuss the benefit of having a more diverse Supreme Court in terms of gender and race/ethnicity.

Essay **MUST** be maximum of 3500 characters (500 words) and **MUST** be submitted via the online application submission portal at

https://www.wcupa.edu/_academics/Fdouglass/bookaward.aspx

If you have questions about this application, contact Dr. Francis Atuahene at fatuahene@wcupa.edu and use FDI Book Award in the subject line.