

The Dunham House announces scholarship

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For Emily Hanawalt, a senior at Indiana University at Indianapolis, being awarded the 2016 Presidential Scholarship from The Dunham House Educational Foundation, meant assistance to complete her degree in history and museum studies.

For Nicholas Nguyen, receiving the 2016 DHEF Senatorial Scholarship helped send him off to his first year at Indiana University Bloomington.

The DHEF provides financial assistance to students who are underserved yet motivated to pursue their goal of attending college to study the field of history.

Shawn Clements, DHEF board president and a preservationist, said the scholarships were established in the spirit of The Dunham House, located in Kempton, and built by William Riley Dunham in the 1880s. The Dunham family has a long history of community involvement in the state. William Riley Dunham, an ancestor of former President Barack Obama, represented Hamilton and Tipton counties in the Indiana General House of Assembly.

“A community that believes higher education is important helps ensure the doors to postsecondary opportunity are open to all,” Clements said. “Our goal is to help dedicated students who otherwise might not have an opportunity to pursue their educational goals.”

Applications for the 2017 DHEF \$1000 Senatorial and \$2500 Presidential scholarships are now being accepted. To be eligible for the one-year scholarships, a student’s area of study should include a component of history, for example history, history education, ethnic studies, library science, archaeology, African-American studies, Native American studies, anthropology, architecture, art, economic, diplomatic, social, cultural and historic preservation.

Applications must be received by midnight May 31. Interested students can visit the DHEF website, www.thedunhamhouse.org, for more details and to download the scholarship application form.