



# STAMPS SCHOLARS



SCHOLARSHIP  
LEADERSHIP  
EXCELLENCE

2020





# Top Ten Majors of Stamps Scholars

- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Business
- Chemical Engineering
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Literature/English
- Mechanical Engineering
- Music Performance
- Physics



**W**e are a nationally prestigious merit scholarship program and community that helps exceptional students become meaningful leaders throughout society.

The first Stamps Scholars programs launched in 2006 at the University of Michigan and Georgia Tech. The program has since grown to 36 colleges and universities across the country with 2,074 current and alumni Stamps Scholars. In 2020, we expect over 225 new scholarship recipients to join the Stamps Scholars program.

## STAMPS SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



**David Wu**, *Georgia Institute of Technology, Class of 2010*. B.S. in industrial and systems engineering. Has set foot on 90 of the top 100 American Colleges. With a 360-degree camera in tow, he interviewed admissions officials and recorded virtual college tours. This will grow to over 150 top U.S., Canadian, U.K., and Australian colleges.



*“The Strive Foundation is not just giving students a financial means to attend college, but cultivating a family of bright minds, challenging us to dream deep and wide, and helping us manifest these dreams.”*

**Lo-Hua Yuan** | University of Michigan, Class of 2012 | PhD in Statistics at Harvard | Works at Air BnB

## THE 2020 STAMPS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Strive Foundation awards multi-year scholarships to driven and talented student leaders to help them achieve their goals. We partner with visionary colleges and universities to enable extraordinary educational experiences.

Scholars receive annual awards that range from \$5,400 to \$75,000 (four-year awards total an average of \$21,600-\$300,000) with additional funds for enrichment activities such as study abroad, academic conferences, and leadership training. The Strive Foundation and partner schools evenly share the costs of the awards.

### STAMPS SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



**Molly Brennan**, *University of Florida, Class of 2019*. Public relations major. Interned for State Representative Joy Goff-Marcil's campaign, creating a database of the district's most pertinent issues. Plans to pursue a career in political communication, representing a politician or government group.



# Stamps Scholars Top Employers

- Bain & Co.
- Boeing
- Deloitte
- Goldman Sachs
- Google
- McKinsey



*“There are many places to see, people to meet, and opportunities to grow. The Strive Foundation is taking you there.”*

**MaryCate Most** | University of Illinois, Class of 2017 | Worked at the Obama Foundation | Attends grad school in Belgium

Stamps Scholars have used their enrichment funds for such things as:

- Scientific research in Antarctica
- Study abroad in Jordan
- Medical Spanish program in Riobamba, Ecuador
- Volunteer at girls shelter in Peru
- U.S. Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference

## THE STAMPS SCHOLARS COMMUNITY

One of the many benefits of being a Stamps Scholar is the national network of fellow Scholars and alumni. Along with a sense of community on their campus, Scholars have the opportunity to interact with their peers from the other Stamps partner schools in formal and informal programs—from regional conferences and informal meet-ups hosted by partner schools to the biennial Stamps Scholars National Convention hosted by the Georgia Institute of Technology.

### STAMPS SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



**Soohyun Chae**, *University of Miami, Class of 2022*. Majoring in music instrumental performance. Violinist in the Stamps String Quartet. Performs regularly with the quartet, including for community outreach events, and is involved with the Frost Symphony Orchestra and the Henri Mancini Institute Orchestra.



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Stamps Alumni

## Stamps Scholars are Award Winners

Stamps Scholars have gone on to receive other prestigious national awards, including:

- Rhodes Scholarship
- Marshall Scholarship
- Goldwater Scholarship
- Fulbright Scholarship
- Truman Scholarship
- Gates Cambridge Scholarship
- Schwarzman Scholarship
- NSF Fellowship
- NDSE Fellowship
- USA Academic All-Star

## UNIQUE EXPERIENCES DEVELOP LEADERS

Leadership development is at the core of the Stamps Scholars program. Leadership potential is also a key part of the selection criteria for receiving a Stamps award. And, Stamps Scholars receive a separate financial award to participate in leadership activities of their choosing.

This unique benefit that all Stamps Scholarships include is an enrichment fund, an additional monetary fund for Scholars to use in their academic and professional development. Enrichment amounts are typically \$8,000 to \$16,000, and the Scholars may use the award to study or volunteer outside the United States, conduct research, or participate in a leadership program or academic conference. We like to think of this part of the award as the “dream fund.”

### STAMPS SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



**Elizabeth Tammi, Mercer University, Class of 2020.** Double major in creative writing and journalism. Author of two YA novels about mythology. Interned at NASA and Georgia Public Broadcasting, both for audio production and storytelling. Used enrichment funds to study at the University of Oxford and study in Athens, Greece.



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### Additional Benefits of the Stamps Scholarships

- Being part of the Stamps Scholars on-campus & national **communities**
- **Funding** to support academic and scientific research projects, cultural & leadership programs, and study abroad
- Biennial National Stamps Scholars **Convention** and other regional conferences
- Joining one of our city-specific **alumni chapters** and connecting with other Stamps Scholars in your area.



## STAMPS SPECIFICS

### WHO SHOULD APPLY

The Strive Foundation, with its partner schools, seeks students who demonstrate academic merit, strong leadership potential, and exceptional character. We support exceptional young people with promise and vision who are eager to make their contribution to the world and have the work ethic to make their dreams a reality.

The Strive Foundation welcomes and supports students from all backgrounds and areas of study. Financial need is not a consideration.

### WHERE TO APPLY

Applying for a Stamps Scholarship is easy: just apply to one or more of our partner schools. If you qualify, you'll automatically be considered for a Stamps award.

The majority of our partner schools don't require a separate application for the Stamps Scholarship, but the application deadline and award process varies from school to school, along with the amount of the award. An interview is always part of the process.

Contact a partner school to learn more about how they administer the Stamps Scholars program.

### 2020 Stamps Scholarship Partner Schools

- Barry University
- College of William and Mary
- Dartmouth College
- Elizabethtown College
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Louisiana State University
- Mercer University
- Miami University\*
- Morehouse College\*
- Oberlin College and Conservatory
- The Ohio State University
- Purdue University
- Tulane University
- United States Air Force Academy
- United States Military Academy
- United States Naval Academy
- University of California, Los Angeles\*
- University of Chicago
- University of Connecticut
- University of Florida
- University of Georgia
- University of Illinois
- University of Maryland\*
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- University of Mississippi
- University of Missouri
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Oregon
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of South Carolina
- University of Southern California\*
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Virginia - Darden School of Business
- Virginia Tech
- Wake Forest University

\* Not currently accepting applications for the Stamps Scholarship.



### STAMPS SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



**Ricky Cooks**, University of Texas at Austin, Class of 2021. Studying business and government. Member of the Student Government and Tejas Club, a social organization. Involved with UT Outpost, a food pantry and clothing closet. 2019 legislative intern for U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett. Plans to become a lawyer and pursue environmental lobbying or a legislature job.

# STAMPS SCHOLARS

Strive Foundation



In 2006 Penny and Roe Stamps created merit scholarship programs for undergraduates at their alma maters – The University of Michigan and Georgia Tech. Since then, the Stamps Scholars community has grown into a national network of visionary colleges and universities who partner with the Strive Foundation to award multi-year scholarships that help driven and talented student leaders achieve their education and life goals.

To learn more, visit [www.stampsscholars.org](http://www.stampsscholars.org) or email [info@stampsscholars.org](mailto:info@stampsscholars.org)

## Penny Stamps, *In Memoriam*

A graduate of the University of Michigan School of Art & Design and a former teacher and business owner, Penny was always passionate about education. In 1999, she worked with the University of Michigan School of Art and Design to launch the Roman J. Witt Visiting Professors Program in honor of her late father. She also established the highly successful Penny W. Stamps Distinguished Visitors Lectures Series. In 2012, The Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design at the University of Michigan was named for her. Penny's philanthropy earned her numerous honors, including the University of Michigan's 2005 Donald B. Hermelin Award for Volunteer Leadership, the 2013 National Philanthropy Lifetime Achievement Award, and an honorary alumna of Georgia Tech. After a long battle with leukemia, Penny passed away in December of 2018.

## Roe Stamps

A private investor and co-founder of the Boston-based private investment company Summit Partners, Roe is a former Lieutenant in the United States Navy Reserve, an Industrial Engineering graduate of Georgia Tech, and an MBA graduate from Harvard Business School. Since his relocation to South Florida in 1993, Roe, along with his wife Penny, has devoted significant time and resources to philanthropic causes. Roe is a Trustee Emeritus of the Georgia Tech Foundation, and a Trustee at the University of Miami, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and several other distinguished organizations. Roe has received awards from Georgia Tech and Harvard as a distinguished alumnus and an honorary PhD from Georgia Tech in 2014. In 2010, Roe was honored by the American Red Cross South Florida Region as the Humanitarian of the Year.

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**Hannah Steinkopf-Frank**, *University of Oregon, Class of 2017*. Majored in journalism and international studies and current graduate student at Sciences Po in Paris, France. Used enrichment funds to research a thesis on la SAPE, a social movement of well-dressed men from the Congos.