James Spencer Churchill Essay Award

This is a merit-based award in the amount of $250.00. The essay award is named after James Spencer Churchill (1920–1989), the first chair of the IPFW Department of Philosophy, and is awarded every year in his honor. Churchill was born in Brockton, MA, and grew up in Portland, ME. He earned an MA from Harvard University in 1950, his PhD from Indiana University Bloomington in 1959, and studied with Martin Heidegger in Freiburg, Germany. He was appointed to IPFW in 1961, built the department and developed its first program, and served, until 1973, as its first chair. His area of research was recent European Philosophy, in particular Existentialism and Phenomenology. His dedication to the pursuit of truth and to teaching extended far beyond his study or the classroom.

All applicants who are not graduating must fill out the IPFW Common Scholarship Application for 2018/2019 to be eligible. In addition, students who meet the following criteria are eligible and encouraged to submit an essay for consideration of this award:

- Declared philosophy major (either as first or second major); and
- At least 9 hours of completed coursework in philosophy.

Both returning and graduating students are eligible for the essay award. The submitted essay will be the original or a revised version of a paper written for a philosophy class during the calendar year 2017 (i.e., Spring, Summer, or Fall semester, 2017).

Student of the Academy Scholarship for Excellence in Philosophy

This is a merit-based award in the amount of $250.00. The Student of the Academy Scholarship was established in September of 2007 to benefit full-time students pursing a major in Philosophy at IPFW. (Formerly the Jean and Bill Bruening Philosophy Scholarship.)

All applicants must fill out the IPFW Common Scholarship Application for 2018/2019 to be eligible. Students who meet the following criteria are eligible and encouraged to submit a letter of interest as their application for this award, specifying how the student meets or exceeds criteria:

- Declared Philosophy major (either as first or second major);
- At least 60 credit hours that count toward graduation and 12 credit hours of completed coursework in philosophy;
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.5;
- Demonstrated participation in Philosophy activities.

The scholarship recipient is chosen by the Philosophy faculty based on applications from qualified students who have submitted a letter of interest. Final selection will be based on cumulative GPA and participation in Philosophy activities.

Note. In any given year, students can be awarded only one of the Student of the Academy Scholarship or the Churchill Essay Award, but not both.

Submission deadline: Friday, February 23, 2018
Email required materials to Dr. Elsby at elsbyc@ipfw.edu.