The Lawson Memorial Fund scholarship is awarded yearly by the Psychology Department. The fund was established in memory of Dr. Phillipe Reed Lawson. The purpose of the scholarship is to permit students, who are working full time or part time to pay for their education, to devote more time to their studies. The Department of Psychology will work with the Office of Student Financial Aid to verify need for applicants of this scholarship.

**GENERAL GUIDELINES:** The award is based on financial need and scholastic achievement. It is intended for psychology majors who are working while attending school or whose studies have been or may be prolonged by an unusual situation or hardship.

The $2,900 award is paid toward university fees over two consecutive semesters with up to a maximum of $1,450 paid each semester. Awards resulting in funds in excess of university fees will be distributed according to rules set forth by the Financial Aid Office at The Ohio State University. Disbursement of funds is contingent on satisfactory academic progress as indicated in a meeting with Dr. Alisa Paulsen during the first semester (before December 1st). 

If you propose to receive the scholarship award in semesters other than autumn and spring, you must include a written request and rationale to that effect with this application. You must be enrolled full-time during the terms for which you are receiving funding.

**CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY:** To be considered for this scholarship, a student must:

1. Be a psychology major
2. Be a full-time student pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology during the semesters in which
3. the scholarship is awarded
4. Have completed at least 60 credit hours (including 15 hours in psychology) prior to due date of application
5. Have completed at least two semesters at Ohio State prior to due date of application
6. Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher
7. Demonstrate financial need (please note that the department will work with the Office of Financial Aid to verify student financial need).

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Please submit all of the following by March 1st to:

Psychology Department Scholarship Committee  
015 Psychology Building  
1835 Neil Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43210

1. Attached application  
3. Resume  
4. One letter of recommendation from a psychology faculty member

Selection of the award recipient will be made by April 1.

**PROGRESS REPORT:** The recipient of this scholarship is required to meet in the first semester to review progress with Dr. Alisa Paulsen in the Undergraduate Advising Office (before December 1st). This meeting and a minimum grade point average of 3.0 are required for the issuance of the following semester’s award.
**LAWSON UNDERGRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

DEADLINE: March 1st

(THIS APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED)

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**On a separate page, please respond to the following questions:**

10. Are you currently employed? If so, where? How many hours per week?

11. Please explain the nature of your situation and how is has caused your studies to be prolonged.

12. How would this scholarship ease your financial burden and accelerate your time to graduation?

13. What financial aid/scholarships/loans are you currently receiving (include both source and amount)?

14. Have you applied for any other types of funding for the upcoming academic year (include source and amount and status of application)?

Signature ___________________________________________ Date ____________________
LAWSON MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP
RECOMMENDATION

DEADLINE: March 1st

Name of student__________________________________________

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), enrolled students have access to educational records concerning them. Students are also permitted to waive their rights of access to recommendations.

____ I DO WAIVE my right to inspect the contents of the following recommendation.

____ I DO NOT WAIVE my right to inspect the contents of the following recommendation.

Name of person writing recommendation__________________________________________

The student listed above is applying for the Phillipe Reed Lawson scholarship in psychology. The $2,900 scholarship is paid toward university fees in two installments of $1,450 per semester. The purpose of the scholarship is to permit students who are working in order to pay for their education, and/or have experienced financial hardship, to devote more time to their studies, and graduate earlier than would otherwise be possible.

Please discuss how you know the candidate, and describe any characteristics that you think would help the scholarship committee assess the candidate's academic and personal qualities. Thank you.

PLEASE RETURN TO:

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