

Creighton University Leo Vincent Jacks Scholarship in Classical Languages

The Leo Vincent Jacks Scholarship in Classical Languages is a \$4,000 renewable scholarship awarded to students who excel in the study of the ancient languages and plan to pursue the Classical Languages Major at Creighton University. The award is renewable for each of three academic years of undergraduate work provided you:

- Declare and continue a pursuit of the Classical Languages Major
- Maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA and a 3.5 GPA in courses taken in the major
- Participate in department life and activities, such as research, Eta Sigma Phi, and recruiting efforts

This scholarship is named in honor of Creighton Professor Leo Vincent Jacks. Dr. Jacks came to Creighton in 1929 and was immediately made chair of the Classics Department, a position he held for 30 years. He left his mark on every aspect of the department, and for a while, under his leadership, the department offered graduate study in Latin. Jacks was well loved by the students, whom he pushed to excel in writing. In addition to several scholarly books, he also produced a number of popular works, including western novels.

By the time Jacks retired to emeritus status in 1961, the department had grown to have a Greek Minor as well as a Latin Major. Under Jacks' influence, the university inaugurated its Classical Bachelor of Arts degree, which awarded a privileged status to those studying Latin and Greek.

Guidelines

To be considered for the scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

- A 3.5 or better cumulative GPA in high school.
- Submission of a Creighton University Application for Undergraduate Admission and Scholarship postmarked by January 6 of your senior year.
- Submission of the Jacks Scholarship application and a 250-word essay with the title *What the ancient world means to me and why I intend to major in Classical Languages* by February 2, 2009.
- One recommendation from a high school teacher, preferably one who has taught you Greek or Latin. Please print the Leo Vincent Jacks Recommendation Form, present to your recommender for completion, and submit to Creighton University Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Attn: Leo Vincent Jacks Scholarship, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178 by February 2, 2009.

Students who have not taken Greek or Latin in high school are eligible for the Jacks Scholarship, though preference will be given to students with more experience with the classical languages. In addition, the Jacks Scholarship is awarded on condition that the student declare the Classical Languages Major and pursue it successfully. If the student leaves the Classical Languages Major, or does not perform successfully, the award will be withdrawn.

Leo Vincent Jacks Scholarship in Classical Languages Application

Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Permanent Address _____

Telephone (____) _____ e-mail _____

High School _____

GPA (on a 4.0 scale) _____ ACT/SAT composite _____

Leo Vincent Jacks Essay

Please submit a 250-word essay titled: *What the ancient world means to me and why I intend to major in Classical Languages.*



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Please give the name of the individual who will be completing the recommendation form for you. You are encouraged to choose a recommender who knows your academic work, preferably through a class in an ancient language or at least on the ancient world. Print the personal reference form, complete the first two lines and give to a reference who is not related to you and is familiar with your leadership ability from school, work, athletics, church, or other community involvement. The deadline for submission of this form is February 2, 2009.

(Recommender's Name)

(Position)

(Phone Number)

(Address)

Signature

My signature certifies that, to the best of my knowledge, the information listed above is true and accurate and the enclosed essays were my creation.

Signature

Date

Creighton University Leo Vincent Jacks Scholarship Recommendation Form

_____ (Student name) has asked you to submit a recommendation form for the Leo Vincent Jacks Scholarship in Classical Languages at Creighton University. Please submit the form to Creighton University Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Attn: Jacks Scholarship, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178 by February 2, 2009.

(Recommender's Name)

(Position)

(Number of Years Teaching)

(Phone Number)

(Address)

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____
2. What classes on ancient topics have you taught the applicant? _____

3. How would you rate the applicant's proficiency in Latin?
Excellent Good Fair Poor N/A
4. How would you rate the applicant against his or her peers in terms of overall academic promise?
Excellent Good Fair Poor N/A
5. How would you rate the applicant against his/her peers in terms of proficiency in the classical language(s) he or she has studied?
Top 10% Top 25% Top 50% Below 50%
6. Please write an evaluation of the student's academic and intellectual merit. Because the Jacks Scholarship requires recipients to pursue the Classical Languages Major, and thus both classical languages as well as research and writing, a candid appraisal of the candidate's language, writing, and critical thinking skills will be most effective in advancing the student's chances. The Jacks Scholarship is awarded on the basis of intellectual and academic merit.