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Dear juniors,

I'm Gabby Nelson, Director of Fellowships, writing with another fellowship opportunity for you. Today, I'm writing to you about the Beinecke Scholarship, which provides $35k for graduate study in the arts, humanities, and social sciences for U.S. citizens. You can find a sampling of other fellowships I advise for on the attached PDF, including many that accept and welcome applicants from most or all nationalities. If you're not sure where to start, reach out or book a meeting! I'm here to help.

For those interested in Beinecke, Trinity is invited to nominate one junior to be considered for the scholarship. Two Trinity students have been named Beinecke Scholars in the last four years – you can read about them here and here. The Beinecke Scholarship is a competitive opportunity offering financial support for graduate school to academically promising students who:

- Are **U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals** from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,
- Plan to enter research or creative-focused master's or doctoral program in the **arts, humanities, or social sciences,** excluding graduate study in neuroscience or clinical psychology. A "research or creative-focused" degree typically means a PhD or MFA.
- And have a documented history of being **eligible to receive need-based financial aid** as an undergraduate.

To be considered for nomination, please first schedule a time to meet with Gabby Nelson, Director of Fellowships, to discuss the application. Students seeking nomination will then submit the following by February 1, 2027:

- A current C.V. that lists all collegiate activities and awards.
- A statement of 1,000 words or less describing your research or creative interests for graduate study, your top-choice graduate program(s) (including the degree you are seeking and specific schools), and your career aspirations. It should also include a discussion of the most relevant academic, professional, extracurricular, and personal experiences that have influenced or shaped your interests and plans.
- The names of three faculty you will ask for letters of recommendation from. These should be faculty members who can speak to your intellectual curiosity, character, and potential for advanced graduate study.
- An unofficial copy of your transcript
- Candidates who wish to pursue an MFA degree should also submit a paragraph at the end of the written statement about how you will approach the artist's supplement, which will be completed in full if you are selected as Trinity's nominee. The artist's supplement consists of:
    - Creative writers: a maximum of five pages of double-spaced text.
    - Visual artists (except filmmakers): a digital portfolio containing up to ten images of current work, with an image resolution of at least 300 dpi.

- Performing artists (including filmmakers): video sample(s) no longer than five minutes in total.

Trinity's selected nominee will be asked to revise and expand on this internal application to submit by Beinecke's deadline of March 26, 2027. Students cannot submit applications directly to Beinecke without being nominated by Trinity College first.

Please be in touch with any questions to chat more about Beinecke or other fellowships options!

Take care,
Gabby