

Cerritos College Department of Philosophy

The Edward H. Bloomfield Philosophy Scholarship

2025-2026

The Department of Philosophy is dedicated to recognizing and supporting student excellence. This scholarship is awarded to a student who has completed two philosophy courses (or completed one and currently enrolled in a second) and exemplifies outstanding scholarly qualities in the study of philosophy. The award is made possible through the generous contributions of the faculty and friends of the Philosophy Department in celebration of Dr. Ed Bloomfield's distinguished thirty-five years of teaching philosophy at Cerritos College.

AWARD

\$500 for educational purposes

DEADLINE

Application, transcript, and essay to Prof. Greg Spooner, Areté Coordinator, by **Tuesday, March 31st, 2026 at 11:59**; email: gspooner@cerritos.edu

STUDENT CRITERIA:

1. Student must be enrolled at Cerritos College at the time of application
2. Student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher at the end of Fall 2024
3. Student must have either completed 2 Philosophy courses (6 units) or completed 1 Philosophy course (3 units) and *currently enrolled in a second*.

WHAT TO SUBMIT:

1. A PHILOSOPHICAL ESSAY

Please submit an argumentative essay (word-processed, doubled spaced, at least 750 words) on a philosophical topic to Areté by **Tuesday, March 31st**.

2. YOUR TRANSCRIPT

Students **MUST** provide a current transcript and be in good standing with a grade point average (G.P.A.) of 3.0 or higher. Due **Tuesday, March 31st**.

3. A COMPLETED APPLICATION

Complete the application and questions listed on the next page. **Tuesday, March 31st**.

The winner will be selected by members of the Philosophy Department

Name (First Middle Last)

Student ID #

Short Answer Questions (you will ***not*** be graded on these answers)

A. Are you currently attending Cerritos College?

B. Which Philosophy courses have you taken?

Are you currently enrolled in a Philosophy class?

Please list course title, year and semester, and instructor's name

C. Educational/Career Goals:

D. Describe an issue, project, or paper in philosophy that is/was most meaningful for you.

E. List any participation in the extracurricular activities at Cerritos College. Describe in detail offices or positions held and the nature and extent of your participation. (e.g., indicate the organization of which you were a member, the role played in carrying out the mission of the organization, etc. Use a separate sheet if necessary.)

F. List your participation in activities and/or positions held outside of Cerritos College.

G. List and describe any special academic accomplishments attained in college (e.g., awards, Dean's List, Scholars' Honors designation, etc.).

Your signature provided herein ensures that all information is accurate and truthful.

I hereby give permission for the chair of the scholarship committee to verify my transcript through access to My Cerritos.

I agree to the release to news media for publicity purposes in connection with the scholarship award of my name, city and other information supplied in the short answer question section.

Applicant Signature

Date