



John C. Stophel Distinguished Student Award Student Application, Instructions & Award Summary

The Gary W. Rollins College of Business annually presents the *John C. Stophel Distinguished Student Award*. The Award recognizes high potential students identified as emerging leaders. These students have made significant civic or work contributions while maintaining a strong academic record.

The *Stophel Distinguished Student Award* will receive a monetary award of \$1,000 per semester during the 2026-2027 academic year and will be recognized and mentored by a representative from the Chambliss law firm.

Award eligibility:

- Must be a business student with at least junior status by Fall 2026.
- Must have a minimum GPA of 3.2.
- Must be in good academic standing and have no Honor Code violations.

Award criteria: Award recipients will exhibit some of the following characteristics: strong leadership skills, self-motivating initiative, strong decision-making and oral-communication skills. These skills may be evidenced by either or both of the following:

- i). Significant extracurricular leadership and community engagement evidenced by a pattern of consistent and meaningful contributions to the RCOB, UTC, or other civic organizations. A description of contributions to these organizations during the student's academic program at UTC should demonstrate the characteristics outlined above. Additional consideration will be given to activities which produce especially significant results.
- ii). Meaningful work experience which highlights the student's role in routinely exercising strong leadership skills, initiative, decision-making and presentation skills in their work life. A description of career-oriented contributions during the student's academic program at UTC should illustrate how the student demonstrates the characteristics outlined above.

Award application packet will consist of the following:

- i. A completed award application
- ii. A letter (2 page maximum) addressed to the selection committee. Your letter should describe why you think you would be an ideal candidate for the John C. Stophel Award, what your short term and long term career goals are, where you see yourself in ten years, and additional information that you feel would support your application.
- iii. A current resume.
- iv. A current copy of your MyMocsDegree.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2026. Please save this application and the other application packet materials in one PDF and email it to: RCOBScholarships@utc.edu. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

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I. Applicant information:

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| Name: | Address |
| UTC ID | Email: |
| Major: | GPA: |
| Expected graduation date: | |

II. Using bullet points, describe your contributions to the RCOB, UTC, or other civic organizations and/or meaningful work activities that demonstrate strong leadership, self-motivated initiative, strong decision-making and oral-communication skills.

III. How have your activities made a lasting difference within the RCOB, UTC, or other civic organizations and/or your work place?