

Boren Awards – UM Student Application Instructions

The Office of Prestigious Awards and Fellowships strives to ensure that each student is submitting the strongest, most complete impression of their candidacy when applying for nationally competitive awards. The instructions below are designed to meet this objective.

Graduate students will apply directly through Boren and will not go through a campus review process. However, if graduate students would like support in finalizing their application, please contact prestigiousawards@miami.edu at least two weeks prior to the deadline.

UM undergraduate applicants for Boren Scholarship Program must send the application materials to PAF **no later than January 11, 2027 (campus deadline)**:

- Boren Application – You must complete your application online by the campus deadline to receive institutional endorsement. Please send all materials to prestigiousawards@miami.edu. **DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.** You will not be able to unsubmit your application for edits. You will have an opportunity to make changes to your application between the campus and national deadlines.
- 2- 3 Letters of Reference to be sent directly to PAF at prestigiousawards@miami.edu. *(Tip: Provide your recommenders with at least a preliminary draft of your Boren essays, so they have a clear idea of your motivations and can address how your abilities and interests match the goals of the Boren program – this is very important!)*
- Transcripts of all universities or colleges attended (unless these grades appear on your UM transcript).

The PAF Office will review these materials and will contact eligible applicants to schedule a meeting to discuss their application. **Only applicants who participate in the campus endorsement process will be able to meet with the PAF office. Late applicants cannot be accommodated.** The PAF Office will provide feedback on the application and complete the confidential Student Rating form. The Student Rating form will be included in the student's complete application packet which will be sent to the Institute of International Education in Washington DC by the national Boren Scholarship deadline in January.

Applicants will have an opportunity between the campus and national deadlines to make edits to their application based on the feedback. After making changes, applicants **MUST** submit their applications in the online application platform before the final deadline.

Feel free to contact prestigiousawards@miami.edu if you have questions. Be sure to review all online materials and resources to ensure that your questions is not already addressed in the wealth of material online.

Campus instructions can be found at www.oae.miami.edu under Prestigious Awards. Find the Scholarship listing for the David Boren Scholarship. Boren resources (PowerPoints and application details) can be found at www.borenawards.org.