



Austin E. Knowlton Memorial Scholarship

About the Scholarship

In the summer of 2012, Heidelberg University received a generous grant to create The Austin E. Knowlton Memorial Scholarship. First consideration is given to residents of Ohio, who have been accepted to Heidelberg as full-time, first-year students and who have demonstrated an interest in majoring in mathematics or the natural sciences. If there are no Ohio students planning to major in mathematics or the natural sciences then consideration will be given to a student from Ohio in another major.

The \$5,000 scholarship, awarded annually, is renewable for four years. Previous recipients will have preference over other applicants for the scholarship award in subsequent years.

Austin E. Knowlton

Athens, Ohio, native Austin E. Knowlton was trained as an architect but spent much of his career in the construction industry. Known as “Dutch,” Mr. Knowlton was the owner and chairman of the Knowlton Construction Co. in Bellefontaine, Ohio. Through his company, Mr. Knowlton was responsible for more than 600 major construction projects in Ohio and the Midwest, including school buildings, hospitals, libraries and post offices.

He graduated from The Ohio State University with a bachelor’s degree in Architectural Engineering in 1931, and joined his father’s company. Following his father’s retirement, he and his brother founded the Knowlton Construction Co. in 1937. Among his designs are a number of facilities at OSU, including the Fawcett Center. Noted for his philanthropy, Mr. Knowlton was a benefactor of the Ohio State School of Architecture, which is named in his honor.

An avid sportsman who raised and raced horses, Mr. Knowlton had a long-standing interest in baseball and football. He was a minority owner of the Cincinnati Reds in the 1970s and was instrumental in building Riverfront Stadium. With Paul Brown and others, he co-founded the Cincinnati Bengals and served as the board chair for 20 years.

He established the Austin E. Knowlton Foundation to advance higher education by “providing direct grants and contributions to qualified colleges and universities.”



Mathematics at Heidelberg

The Department of Mathematics at Heidelberg University offers a curriculum to meet students' needs on an individualized basis and help students carry out their academic ambitions. In the past decade, most of Heidelberg's math majors have either found immediate employment or gone on to graduate school.

The Department of Mathematics offers an ample selection of mathematical courses. The faculty members in the department have expertise in different areas of mathematics. They offer a variety of mathematics courses in both pure and applied mathematics that prepare our majors to be competitive with students at other schools. With Drs. William Grasman and Xiaoming Huang, the Department of Mathematics has a friendly, enthusiastic and helpful faculty. All the mathematics faculty members have an open-office policy and welcome student questions and input.

Austin E. Knowlton Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2012 to honor the memory of Austin E. Knowlton, a successful Ohio businessman and philanthropist. First consideration given to an incoming student from Ohio, with an interest in majoring in mathematics or the natural sciences. Renewable annually through graduation.

Additional Information

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