

## Program Alumni

Many scholarship recipients have pursued careers in history, education and public history. Program alums are now working as college professors, museum professionals, National Park Service rangers, authors, and K-12 teachers. Many have made important contributions to the field of Civil War history, including:

- Eric Mink, Park Ranger at Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park
- Christian Keller, Professor at the U.S. Army War College and author of *Chancellorsville & the Germans*
- Jason Phillips, Professor at West Virginia University and author of *Diehard Rebels*
- Ashley Whitehead Luskey, Park Ranger at Richmond National Battlefield Park
- Terry A. Johnston, Editor-in-Chief of *The Civil War Monitor Magazine*
- Christopher Gwinn, Park Ranger at Gettysburg National Military Park

*Christopher Gwinn '06, leads a tour for students*



## About Gettysburg College

- Nationally ranked residential college of liberal arts and sciences
- 2,600 students from 40 states and 35 countries
- More than 65 majors, minors, and programs
- Among the nation's top producers of Fulbright scholars and Peace Corps volunteers
- Recognized as one of the country's most service-oriented schools
- Alumni include three Rhodes scholars, a Nobel Prize winner and a Newbery Medalist
- Historical, picturesque campus

## Distinctive programs

- Civil War Institute & Civil War Era Studies
- Eisenhower Institute for Public Policy and Leadership
- Garthwait Leadership Center
- Sunderman Conservatory of Music

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# Experience the Civil War in Gettysburg

*Summer Conference High School Student Scholarship Program*



## Want to learn more about the history of the Civil War Era?

The High School Student Scholarship Program for Gettysburg College's Civil War Institute summer conference allows you to do just that on the site of the war's most decisive battle.

The conference brings together public audiences and leading historians for five days of small group discussions, battlefield tours, panels, and more.

Scholarship recipients join conference sessions; interact with noted historians; and are provided special programming geared toward high school students.

Participants are exposed to professional opportunities in history, museum studies and public history.

Sessions with the College's Eisenhower Institute and Garthwait Leadership Center allow students to connect history and current events by engaging in historical simulations and meeting policymakers in Washington, D.C.

Recipients experience college life firsthand: living in dorms, eating in the dining hall, and interacting with faculty members.

Find out more about the conference and watch a video at [www.gettysburg.edu/cwi/conference](http://www.gettysburg.edu/cwi/conference).

# WITNESS TO HISTORY

Situated on a 200-acre campus adjacent to Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg College has strong connections to American history, in the Civil War Era and beyond.

Gettysburg College was founded on April 7, 1832, by theologian Samuel Simon Schmucker. Five years later, the institution (then known as Pennsylvania College) moved into Pennsylvania Hall, built on land provided by Congressman Thaddeus Stevens.

When the Battle of Gettysburg began, the College stood in its midst. Elements of two great armies swept through campus on July 1, 1863, the first day of the decisive Battle. Pennsylvania Hall became a hospital for hundreds of soldiers from both North and South.

On November 19, 1863 townspeople, students, and faculty marched to hear President Abraham Lincoln hallow the National Cemetery with his Gettysburg Address. David Wills, an 1851 graduate, invited Lincoln to deliver “a few appropriate remarks.”

Almost a century later, President Dwight D. Eisenhower settled in Gettysburg after leaving the White House in 1961, and served on the College’s Board of Trustees. He wrote his memoirs in what is today the College’s Admissions Office.

Today, Gettysburg College is a highly selective four-year residential college of liberal arts and sciences with a strong academic tradition. Alumni include Rhodes Scholars, a Nobel laureate, and other distinguished scholars.

THE CWI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PROVIDED ME THE RARE EXPERIENCE OF MEETING SOME OF THE LEADING FIGURES IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY IN AN INTIMATE AND STUDENT-FRIENDLY SETTING. GETTING TO DO SO ON THE ACTUAL GROUNDS OF THE WAR’S MOST ICONIC BATTLE WAS ONE OF THE MOST INSPIRATIONAL AND DEFINING EVENTS OF MY HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE, A GREAT CONFIDENCE BUILDER, AND AN EXCELLENT SPRINGBOARD INTO MY PROFESSIONAL LIFE AS AN HISTORIAN. I STILL COUNT SOME OF MY SCHOLARSHIP PEERS AS GOOD FRIENDS!

—ASHLEY WHITEHEAD LUSKEY, 2003 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

**Who:** Current high school sophomores, juniors and seniors with a demonstrated interest in Civil War Era history are eligible to apply.

**What:** A summer conference scholarship covers the cost of an air-conditioned dorm room, meals for the duration of the conference, tours, and tuition fees. Transportation costs to/from Gettysburg are NOT covered by scholarship funds.

**When:** The conference is held in mid-June. Please check the CWI website for specific dates.

**How:** Scholarship recipients do not need to be accompanied by a chaperone (our student scholarship directors serve as chaperones), but dropoff/pickup details must be confirmed with CWI staff in advance.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants must submit the following materials:

- **Completed application form** (available in PDF on the CWI website).
- A **cover letter** describing your interest in the history of the Civil War era, why you feel that attending the CWI Conference would benefit you, and what you believe you would contribute to the program.
- A **letter of recommendation** from your high school history teacher.
- An **eligibility form** (available in PDF on the CWI website) completed by your guidance counselor.

Completed application packages **must be submitted by 4 p.m. on February 15**, and should be mailed to the CWI office at 300 North Washington Street, Box 435, Gettysburg, PA 17325, or e-mailed to [civilwar@gettysburg.edu](mailto:civilwar@gettysburg.edu).

## ABOUT THE CIVIL WAR INSTITUTE

The Civil War Institute (CWI) engages with Gettysburg College students, general audiences, graduate students, and scholars in a dialogue about Civil War history through an interdisciplinary approach dedicated to public interpretation, historic preservation, public policy, teaching, and academic research.

A primary part of its mission centers upon educating, mentoring, and providing professional opportunities for students of history. CWI does this by supporting internships in National Parks, preservation agencies, heritage tourism associations, and the museum community; sponsoring workshops and lectures throughout the year; facilitating student and teacher training; and providing support for faculty and undergraduate research.