

College of  
**Liberal Arts & Sciences**  
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**TESSA OBERG WRITING AWARD 2012**

“Tessa Oberg died at the age of twenty six years, a person of enormous grace, intelligence, decency and above all promise—a promise she never took for granted, a promise she was always cultivating.”

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences invites students to apply for the Tessa Oberg Writing Award. Honoring the life of Tessa Oberg, a graduate of the English Department, the award is open to undergraduates who were enrolled in an LAS major either as a freshman, sophomore or junior during the spring 2012 semester and who will continue in an LAS major for the fall 2012 semester. Selection for the \$500 Tessa Oberg Writing Award for 2012 will be based upon a submitted essay of between 3,000 and 5,000 words in length of an analytical and expository nature.

To be eligible for this award, students must

- Have been a freshman, sophomore or junior student enrolled in a College of LAS major for spring 2012.
- Continue enrollment in an LAS major for the fall 2012 semester.
- Be a student in good standing with the College of LAS.
- Submit a complete application.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ UIN \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print clearly)

Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Illinois GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Expected graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_@illinois.edu

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit the following application components:**

1. This completed and signed application page.
2. Your essay of between 3,000 and 5,000 words in length of an analytical and expository nature in response to the following:

John Milton Gregory was the first regent of the University of Illinois (then known as the Illinois Industrial University). In his inaugural address, he outlined the mission of this new university as engaging students in new ways of learning that move beyond mere memorization: ***"It is much easier to learn and remember, than to investigate and think."*** In what ways does the university of today challenge students to become investigators and thinkers rather than passive recipients of the world's knowledge? Draw on your own experience or the experience of others you know to reflect on Gregory's statement.

I give permission to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and its College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to release the information above, as well as any materials I have attached as part of this scholarship application, to the selection committee and to the scholarship sponsors. If I am selected for the award, I agree to send a thank you letter to the Oberg family. I also agree to allow my name to be released to the public pursuant to any publicity regarding my selection

By my signature, I certify the essay to be my own work.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Application deadline for fullest consideration: Monday, August 13, 2012.

By mail to: Assistant Dean Penelope Soskin, LAS Student Academic Affairs Office, 2002 Lincoln Hall, 702 S. Wright St., Urbana, IL 61801. Electronic submissions may be sent to [las-studentoffice@illinois.edu](mailto:las-studentoffice@illinois.edu) (be sure to write TESSA OBERG WRITING AWARD in subject line of email). For more information, call (217) 333-1158.