John E. Brandl was a 1959 graduate of Saint John's University. The John Brandl Scholars program celebrates Brandl's lifelong commitment to mentorship and scholarship in higher education, public policy and politics. The endowment funds summer internships in public policy and leadership development activities such as conferences and trainings. These internships will range from local to international policy arenas, reflecting Dr. Brandl's diverse career and CSB/SJU's commitment to ethical leadership and the common good.

John Brandl Scholars receive $4,000 summer stipends and are offered select invitations for McCarthy Center events and mini grants to cover travel or other expenses related to civic or scholarly engagement.

Graduating seniors are not eligible. Students will work full-time for 8-10 weeks depending on the needs of their internship site. Students may elect to earn credits but will have to pay for these and will be assessed on an individual basis.

In 2011, a total of four Brandl Scholarships will be awarded. Two Brandl Scholarships will be awarded to students in the CSB/SJU Washington, D.C. Summer Study Program, one Brandl Scholarship will fund a student interning at the Citizen's League in St. Paul, and one Brandl Scholarship will fund a public policy internship anywhere in the world.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 2011.

Any questions and all application materials should be addressed to Stacy Penk, McCarthy Center Coordinator, Simons 136, Saint John's University. Phone: (320)363-3266 or email: spenk@csbsju.edu.

Students will be selected based on the following items:

1) A cover letter explaining student interest and the policy area or topic upon which the student would hope to focus. In addition, the cover letter must state that students will not have any other employment if awarded this fellowship;

(Important note on site placement: One of the Brandl Scholars will be placed with the Citizens League in St. Paul, MN. The applicant should indicate if he or she has a strong interest to be placed with the Citizens League; if not the applicant should propose three other site locations of interest to them.)
2) Resume indicating relevant class or other training, relevant paid and unpaid work/volunteer experiences, conferences or workshops attended, honors and awards, public talks or media involvement, and other skills such as languages or computer skills;

3) Current unofficial transcript;

4) Recent academic writing sample, preferably a policy memo if available;

5) Finalists may be interviewed by the director of the Brandl Scholars program.

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