

## **Award Descriptions**

### **First-Year Class Award**

The First-Year Class Award is conferred upon a first-year student who has completed at least four course units as a full-time student and has the highest cumulative grade point average in courses taken at Transylvania.

### **Sophomore Class Award**

The Sophomore Class Award is conferred upon a sophomore who has completed at least 12 course units as a full-time student and has the highest cumulative grade point average in courses taken at Transylvania.

### **Junior Class Award**

The Junior Class Award is conferred upon a junior who has completed at least 12 course units as a full-time student and has the highest cumulative grade point average in courses taken at Transylvania.

### **Ronald F. Whitson Award**

The Ronald F. Whitson Award for Commitment to Teaching and Service to the University is given in recognition of Ron Whitson's steadfast commitment to teaching and to the Transylvania community. This award is given to the education student who possesses the qualities that mark Ron's exemplary career: patience, perseverance, a strong commitment to teaching, service and loyalty to the university.

### **Thomas Jefferson Scholarship Award**

The Thomas Jefferson Scholarship is awarded to a history or political science major with aspirations of attending law school upon graduation. The award was made possible by a donation from Desirée L. Franklin to encourage the study of law, particularly constitutional law.

### **Ira Richard Harris '53 Political Science Department Award**

This award is given to an outstanding student majoring in political science for opportunities to further their education. The student selected must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate junior in good standing at the university, be enrolled as a political science major at the university and demonstrate the desire to further their educational opportunities outside of the university.