The Freshman Dengate Scholarship is named for Zandra Dengate, who for many years served as the department secretary in Political Science. Upon her death, her mother created this scholarship in her memory to provide lasting support for future generations of political science students.

Eligibility for the award includes: Freshman Standing (30 hours or less of earned college credit); a declared major in Political Science; and high academic and intellectual promise. The recipient is selected by the faculty in Political Science. The award is normally $1,500 annually and can be renewed for up to four years. Renewal requires that the recipient complete a minimum of 28 semester hours each academic year (excluding Maymester and summer sessions) and maintain a minimum overall grade point average of 3.6.

Instructions for the Application Essay: In an essay of 500-750 words, please describe why you selected political science as your major and explain how you see the major contributing to your future career plans.