



THE CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP & CIVIC EDUCATION

at FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SERVICE SCHOLAR PROGRAM

ACADEMIC YEAR 2011 - 2012

The Service Scholar Program is designed to recognize students with an outstanding record of service and leadership and to promote civic responsibility as an integral part of a liberal arts education at the Florida State University. Admission to the Program is reserved for freshmen who have demonstrated excellence in service and leadership in planning and promoting community involvement among their peers. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in strengthening their skills and deepening their attitudes toward creating change in their communities. Both quantity and quality of applicant's service and leadership experiences will be considered.

At Florida State University, Service Scholars will complete a minimum of 75 service hours per semester, participate in individual and group service projects, attend regular meetings, engage in learning, and promote community participation among their peers (please visit http://thecenter.fsu.edu/service_scholars.html for more information). The Program includes an annual \$2,400 scholarship, which is automatically renewed each year, for four years, provided requirements are met. Additionally, First Year Service Scholars will enroll in a fall and spring one-credit course focusing on service and citizenship and the needs of the Tallahassee Community.

Service Scholars will be affiliated with The Center for Leadership & Civic Education and will participate in activities and events of The Center. It is expected that Service Scholars will emerge as effective leaders and exemplary citizens.

The Service Scholar Program seeks diversity among its participants in relation to background, interest and experience. Acceptance into the Service Scholar Program is competitive; only freshmen with a distinguished record of community involvement and a strong desire to continue to learn through service are encouraged to apply.

Complete the application below and mail or fax supplemental materials to

The Center for Leadership & Civic Education
Florida State University
100 South Woodward Ave.
PO Box 3064161
Tallahassee, FL 32306-4161.

The completed application must be submitted and supplemental materials postmarked by January 14, 2011. Awards will be announced by February 25.

Please type or print clearly

Full Legal Name _____
First Middle Last

Current Mailing Address _____
Number and Street

Current Phone Number (_____) _____ E-mail _____
City State Zip

Anticipated high school graduation date (month/day/year) _____

High school attended _____

High school address _____
City State

How did you hear about the Service Scholar Program? _____

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Please include the following items to complete your application:

- Essay Questions (Part 1)
- Letters of Recommendation (Part 2)

PART 1: ESSAY QUESTIONS

Each response should be typed on a separate sheet of paper with your name printed in the top right-hand corner of each page. Please note the word limits of each essay.

- 1 List at least five of the most significant service/civic activities in which you have participated. Each listed activity should include the following:
 - ◆ Role
 - ◆ Responsibility
 - ◆ Years of involvement
 - ◆ Approximate hours committed
 - ◆ Highlights of your accomplishmentsYour response should reflect community involvement beyond the normal requirements for high school graduation or Florida Bright Futures scholarships, both in quantity and depth of service. Commitment that exhibits initiative and leadership will be given greater consideration.
- 2 Recall your most meaningful civic engagement experience (most likely included in your response to the first essay question). How did you identify the community need? How did you work with others to address the need? How did this experience change you? Please limit response to 350 words.
- 3 The Service Scholar Program seeks diversity in background and experience. Please describe how your background and experience will contribute to the diversity of perspectives sought in the Service Scholar Program. Please limit response to 250 words.
- 4 List all of your high school and community memberships, involvements, and special recognitions. You may include significant community activities beyond those listed in number 1.
- 5 The Service Scholar Program is committed to student development in the areas of service and leadership. What specific skills, values, and/or knowledge would you like to gain as a result of joining this educational community of service-minded student leaders? Please be as specific as possible regarding what you would hope to learn during your time in the program. Please limit response to 350 words.

PART 2: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please send two typewritten letters of recommendation, on official letterhead, that focus on your qualifications for the Service Scholar Program. Letters should come from a community agency supervisor, teacher, or school administrator, and should speak to the applicant's previous service and his or her potential for development through continued service in college. Please make sure recommendation letters include the applicant's full name.

Applicants should collect two letters of recommendation. Each letter should be placed in a separate envelope and signed on the seal sealed by the recommender. The two signed, sealed envelopes should be mailed together in a larger envelope to the address below.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed application form Five completed essay questions Two letters of recommendation

APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
JANUARY 14, 2011 *

*If mailing, must be postmarked by January 14

Please send only requested information. Additional materials will not be reviewed.
Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Online applications are available at http://thecenter.fsu.edu/service_scholars.html

Forward application materials to:

FSU Service Scholar Program
Center for Leadership & Civic Education
100 S. Woodward Avenue
PO Box 3064161
Tallahassee, FL 32306-4161

Phone: 850.644.3342 • Fax: 850.644.3362

APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE STATUS OF THEIR APPLICATION BY FEBRUARY 25, 2011.
Available in an alternative format upon request