



THE **CENTER** FOR LEADERSHIP &
CIVIC EDUCATION

Service Scholar Program

ACADEMIC YEAR 2012-2013

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 first-year students 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 the applicant's service and leadership experiences will be considered.

Service Scholars will complete a minimum of 75 service hours per semester, participate in individual and group service projects, attend regular meetings, engage in coursework tailored to each year in the program, and promote community participation among their peers. First-year Service Scholars will enroll in a fall and spring one-credit course focusing on service and citizenship as well as the needs of the Tallahassee community. The program includes an annual \$2,400 scholarship, which is automatically renewed each year for four years, provided requirements are met. Please visit <http://thecenter.fsu.edu/servicescholars.html> for more information.

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

The Service Scholar Program seeks diversity among its participants in relation to background, interests, 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. Competitive candidates have community involvement beyond the normal requirements for high school graduation or Florida Bright Futures scholarships, both in quantity and depth of service. A commitment that exhibits initiative and leadership will be given greater consideration.

Application Instructions

Please complete the application below as a PDF form and email the saved form to ServiceScholars@admin.fsu.edu. Completed applications should be saved with the applicant's full name in the title and the e-mail subject line.

Recommendation Letter Instructions

Each application is required to have exactly two letters of recommendation in addition to the written application below. Recommendation letter instructions are as follows:

1. Provide the following link to the two recommendation writers. The link opens a PDF that recommendation writers must complete, save, and e-mail to ServiceScholars@admin.fsu.edu with the applicant's name in the subject line. Recommendation forms may only be e-mailed. Faxed or mailed documents will not be accepted.

Recommendation Form Link: <http://thecenter.fsu.edu/servicescholars/recommendationform.pdf>

2. After The Center has received the completed application and the two letters of recommendation via email, the applicant will receive a confirmation email.

Completed applications and recommendation letters must be e-mailed to ServiceScholars@admin.fsu.edu by **11:59pm on January 27, 2012**. Awards will be announced by March 2, 2012.

Note: Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Full Legal Name

First

Middle

Last

Current Mailing Address

Number and Street

City

State

Zip

Current Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

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

High school attended

High school address

Number and Street

City

State

Zip

How did you hear about the Service Scholar Program? _____

1. List up to six of your most significant high school and community activities, at least three of which must be service-based. Please use the format below to organize this information. *Please note that there is no text limit. The font size will automatically adjust to fit text box.*

Organization:	
Dates of Involvement:	Total hours committed:
Role:	Is this a service-based activity? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Responsibilities & Accomplishments:	How did this experience affect you?

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Role:	Is this a service-based activity? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Responsibilities & Accomplishments:	How did this experience affect you?

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Responsibilities & Accomplishments:	How did this experience affect you?

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Responsibilities & Accomplishments:	How did this experience affect you?

Organization:	
Dates of Involvement:	Total hours committed:
Role:	Is this a service-based activity? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Responsibilities & Accomplishments:	How did this experience affect you?

2. Recall your most meaningful service-based experience (most likely included in your response to the first question). How did you identify the community need? How did you work with others to address the need? Please limit response to 500 words.

3. Please describe how your background and/or experiences will contribute to a diversity of perspectives in the Service Scholar Program. Please limit response to 250 words.

4. Please react to the following idea in under 350 words, keeping in mind there is no right answer. We are interested in your personal thoughts and how you express and support them.

Helping others is a self-centered enterprise. The primary gain and motivation for helping others is personal gratification.

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.