



Kenan Social Engagement Program Application

Goals and Requirements:

The Wilkes Honors College Kenan Social Engagement Program provides financial assistance to Wilkes Honors College students who combine the best practices of academic service learning, social entrepreneurship, and public-private partnerships. The goals of this program are to educate students in the fundamentals of social entrepreneurship, to help them develop plans for addressing social needs, to assist them in partnering with nonprofit organizations, and to fund the start-up phase of their business plans.

All applicants will be required to complete a three-credit course in social entrepreneurship (IDS 3932: Honors Interdisciplinary Critical Inquiry Seminar: Social Engagement and Social Entrepreneurship) during the fall semester during which they will write a business plan for a social venture. Up to three students will be awarded scholarships based on their business plans. After scholarships are awarded, students will register for a 1-credit Directed Independent Study on social entrepreneurship during which they will implement their business plans; report on the projects; and develop an ongoing, sustainable plan for continuation of their social ventures. Each student may receive:

- \$1000/ per semester for a maximum of four semesters (renewable based on project concept and need determined by Co-directors and available funding) in scholarship money which is stackable with existing HC scholarship awards (Students receiving the Flagler, Cornell or other full scholarship cannot stack this part of the award).
- \$2500 in seed money to initiate a service project proposed by the student;

Proposals from qualified students will be reviewed and one may be selected to receive a \$10,000 seed grant (rather than \$2500) for the project deemed most likely to make a positive and sustainable difference in the community.

Eligibility:

Students with at least one semester remaining prior to graduation from the Wilkes Honors College of FAU who have the requisite 3.25 GPA are eligible to apply.

Preference will be given to applicants with financial need who demonstrate a commitment to community service and academic excellence. Admission to the program shall be awarded on the basis of need and merit without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, or handicap.

Details of the Program:

At the end of each fall semester up to three students in the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College will be chosen as Kenan Scholars for Social Engagement based on the business plans produced in IDS 3932: Honors Interdisciplinary Critical Inquiry Seminar: Social Engagement and Social Entrepreneurship. A panel of experts will then review the proposals, selecting one of them to receive the \$10,000 in startup funding while the others will receive \$2,500 each. The winning proposal will be chosen both for the significance of the critical human need that it addresses and the soundness of the business plan that will allow the project to become self-sustaining. Each of these students will receive a scholarship stipend for their remaining eligible semesters as students at the Wilkes Honors College up to a maximum of four semesters. During that time, each Kenan Scholar shall:

- Register for a one-credit Directed Independent Study on social entrepreneurship for the spring semester following taking IDS 3932.
- Enter their business plan into the FAU business plan competition.
- Begin implementation of their business plan or an alternative venture in accordance with the interests of the Kenan trust and with the approval of the program directors.
- Budget and spend start-up funding on the social venture.
- Complete reports on the status, updates, and sustainability of the social venture each semester.
- Present to the social entrepreneurship class on their projects, challenges, and successes.
- Present on their social venture during the research symposium.
- Participate in enrichment activities organized by the program directors (speakers, conferences, etc.).
- Mentor incoming Kenan scholarship recipients.
- File a final report on their service project prior to graduation.

Students who fail to meet any of these requirements may forfeit the remaining semesters of their scholarship funding as well as remaining start-up funds. In conjunction with the Dean's Office, the program directors will review and renew scholarships on an annual basis. Renewal will be based upon performance in the Directed Independent Study, status reports, progress toward implementation of social ventures, maintenance of a 3.25 GPA in the Wilkes Honors College, and available funding. Annual renewal is pending expendable funds. All scholarship funds must be utilized during the academic year during which the scholarship is awarded.

The scholarship funds may be combined with other scholarships or financial aid and may be applied to the academic year as well as the summer term.

Qualifications and Guidelines for Application:

Applicants/Recipients Must:

- ✓ Be a full-time Wilkes Honors College student in good standing who has at least one semester remaining at the Wilkes Honors College at the time of application
- ✓ Provide evidence of relevant skills (computer skills, website development, fundraising experience, etc.)
- ✓ Provide evidence of a commitment to community service and an interest in social entrepreneurship.
- ✓ Achieve and maintain a cumulative Wilkes Honors College GPA of 3.25 or above

- ✓ Submit scholarship application and supportive materials to Ayn Patrick (patricka@fau.edu) in the Dean's office on or before Reading Day of the fall term.
- ✓ Take IDS 3932 Honors Interdisciplinary Critical Inquiry Seminar: Social Engagement and Social Entrepreneurship with Dr. Strain and Dr. Steigenga.

Application Requirements:

- ✓ Completed and signed application form
- ✓ Official or unofficial transcripts of academic record for all college work attempted
- ✓ At least one letter of recommendation that addresses the candidate's commitment to community service, critical thinking ability, work habits, and other relevant skills (the letter must be from someone who is not a member of the scholarship committee)
- ✓ A résumé detailing community service, employment history, academic achievements, skills and interests, and honors and awards
- ✓ A brief (not to exceed 500 words) essay detailing your interest in service.
- ✓ A brief (not to exceed 500 words) explanation of unmet financial need.

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**Kenan Social Engagement Program
Application Form**

Please type or print in black or blue ink and include your full name on all attachments.

I. Personal Information

Name: _____

Z number: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Gender: Male Female

Local Address:

Permanent (Home) Address:

Local Telephone Number: (_____) _____

FAU E-Mail Address: _____

Citizenship: U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident
 Non-U.S. Citizen Country of Citizenship _____

Race / National Origin:

- American Indian or Native Alaskan
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black (non-Hispanic)

- Hispanic
- White (non-Hispanic)

Native Language: _____

If other than English, how many years have you studied and spoken English? _____

Other languages studied and spoken _____ Years? _____

II. Family Information

Please indicate the highest level of each parent's or legal guardian's educational background:

Father / Legal Guardian:

High School: None Some Diploma

College: None Some Degree

Type of Degree: _____

Mother / Legal Guardian:

High School: None Some Diploma

College: None Some Degree

Type of Degree: _____

III. Academic Information

High School Name: _____ Graduation Date: ____/____/____

SAT Score: _____ Date: ____/____/____ ACT Score: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Current FAU Standing: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

If Declared, Concentration of Study: _____

Number of Credits Completed: _____ Number of Credits Enrolled: _____

Overall Wilkes Honors College GPA: _____ Semester: _____

IV. Financial Information

Please attach a brief (less than two page) statement detailing special circumstance or financial need.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please include the following items with your application (see Application Requirements for details):

- Transcripts
- Letter(s) of recommendation
- Résumé
- Essay
- Two-page (maximum) document on special circumstances or financial need

Please email, mail, or hand-deliver your complete application to:

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Florida Atlantic University
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