



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Goals and Requirements:

The Wilkes Honors College Community Engagement Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to Wilkes Honors College students who demonstrate a commitment to serving non-profit and community organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life in Palm Beach County. The goal of this scholarship is to develop well-rounded, skilled, and committed individuals who are motivated to take positions with businesses, public entities and non-profits that serve their community. Preference will be given to applicants with financial need who demonstrate a commitment to community service and academic excellence. Discretion may be used to determine financial need by the program director and approved by the dean. These scholarships shall be awarded on the basis of need and merit without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, or handicap.

Scholarship recipients will be required to complete a minimum of three credits (180 hours) of internship work with one of the approved non-profit or public organizations during each academic year the scholarship is received.

Details of the Scholarships:

Students who have completed at least one semester of study at the Wilkes Honors College may receive up to \$5000.00 in scholarship funds to be applied toward their tuition and fees during an academic year. The funds may be combined with other scholarships or financial aid and may be applied to the academic year as well as the summer term. The scholarship director will review and renew scholarships on an annual basis. Renewal will be based upon internship evaluations and accomplishments, letters of recommendation, and academic performance in the Wilkes Honors College (minimum of 3.0 GPA earned at the Wilkes Honors College required). Annual renewal is pending available funds. All funds must be utilized during the university fiscal year (July 1-June30) during which the scholarship is awarded.

Responsibilities of the Recipients:

While the specific responsibilities of each intern may vary, all scholarship recipients must complete a minimum of three credits (and 180 hours) of an academic service learning internship for each year the scholarship is received. Interns will gain critical experience such as, but not limited to community organization, grant-writing, fundraising, local politics, and social service provision. At the end of the academic year, each intern must submit a written report to the grant committee detailing their experiences and accomplishments. Each intern will be evaluated by both their internship supervisor and their internship advisor prior to receiving their final (S/U) grade for the internship credits.

Qualifications and Guidelines for Application:

Applicants/Recipients Must:

- ✓ Be a full-time Wilkes Honors College student in good standing who has completed at least one semester 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
- ✓ Achieve and maintain a cumulative Wilkes Honors College GPA of 3.0 or above
- ✓ Submit scholarship application and supportive materials to the Wilkes Honors Community Engagement Scholarship director two months prior to the beginning for the semester for which they are applying for the scholarship.

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 language abilities, work habits, and other relevant skills (the letter must be from someone who is not a member of the scholarship committee)
- ✓ A resumé 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 improving the lives of persons in South Florida via non-profit/public community engagement.



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Please type or print and include your full name on all attachments.

I. Personal Information

Name: _____

Z#: _____

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)

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 Currently 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 or hand-deliver your complete application to:

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