

First Scholars™ Application Cover Sheet

The First Scholars Program is available to 20 high school graduates of the class of 2012 that are first-generation college students (parents did not continue education after high school) who enroll at the University of Memphis **full-time** during the **2012-2013 academic year**.

Twenty students will be selected to participate in a comprehensive support program including academic, social, personal development and financial awards of \$5,000 each, half disbursed in the fall semester and half disbursed in the spring semester. Students can receive the award depending on eligibility requirements for a total of 4 years if program requirements are met. **This scholarship requires that the scholarship recipient live on campus for the 2012-2013 academic year and outside of the family home the following three academic years in order to renew the scholarship.**

Selection Criteria

Students who apply to The First Scholars program must:

- Be a high school senior that has applied and been admitted to the University of Memphis for the 2012-2013 academic year which includes submitting an application with appropriate fees, high school transcripts, and ACT or SAT scores;
- Complete the Student Strengths Inventory (instructions will be given once application has been received);
- Sign a release allowing the Student Strengths Inventory to be scored by a third party (found at <http://www.memphis.edu/firstscholars/apply.htm>)
- Demonstrate financial need and complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov/ by March 1st and verification process by;
- Be a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen as defined by federal law;
- Be eligible for in-state tuition;
- And submit scholarship application and all material by February 1, 2012.

Students selected to be a First Scholar must:

- Agree to attend an overnight New Student Orientation on May 21-22, May 24-25, or May 31-June 1;
- Agree to enroll in a designated ACAD 1100 course for First Scholar Scholarship recipients during the fall 2012 semester;
- Agree to participate in a designated Frosh Camp during the summer of 2012
- Agree to enroll in 1 of 3 sections of Tiger Leadership Institute during the spring 2013 semester;
- Participate in service projects and agreed upon campus activities/workshops;
- Agree to attend designated meetings with First Scholars Program Coordinator;
- Participate in mentoring program;
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA;
- Transition to leadership roles as upperclassman.

How to Apply

Complete the application form and submit it with the required materials no later than February 1, 2012 to:

firstscholars@memphis.edu

OR

First Scholars Program
405 Mitchell Hall
The University of Memphis
Memphis, TN 38152

For more information visit our website at: <http://www.memphis.edu/firstscholars> or contact Shea Houze, First Scholars Coordinator, at (901) 678-2351 or firstscholars@memphis.edu



**Scholarship
Application Deadline
February 1, 2012**

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2012-2013 Scholarship Application

Please provide all requested information below:

STUDENT INFORMATION

U-Number:			
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Last Name:	First Name:	Middle/Second:	
Phone Numbers: Home - (____) _____ - _____ Cell - (____) _____ - _____			
Permanent Address:			Apartment #:
City:	State:	Zip:	County:
Email Address:			

PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Name(s) Address:			
Permanent Address:			Apartment #:
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone: (____) _____ - _____
			Email:

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of School/City & State:		Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____
Expected Graduation Date:	Cumulative GPA:	
ACT Score:	College Credits (if any):	

PARENTS' HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

	Parent 1	Parent 2
No high school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some high school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High school graduate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some college	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two year college degree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Please answer the following questions on a *separate* sheet of paper. Answers should be no more than one page in length:

Describe your family background and what it means to be a first generation college student.

How did you hear about the First Scholar Program?

I understand that the application is incomplete and void unless completed and received in The First Scholars Program office or postmarked by February 1, 2012. I understand that I must be admitted to the University of Memphis to be considered for the First Scholars program. I verify that the information submitted is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Please submit this application electronically to firstscholars@memphis.edu or mail to the following address:

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