Southeastern Louisiana University
2017 Scholarship Application

Office for Student Engagement
SLU 10483
Hammond, LA 70402
985-549-2120

Student Union, Room 2307

Application Deadline:
Received by Friday, April 7, 2017
Southeastern Louisiana University awards ExCEL Scholarships to students who are eligible and demonstrate evidence of interest and participation in leadership development activities. It is available to first time students and is renewable for up to 4 years.

Instructions:
1. Please review the 2017 ExCEL Scholarship Requirements enclosed in this packet.
2. Candidates must have a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative high school grade point average.
3. Please complete this ExCEL Scholarship Application in ink or type. Use N/A for items which do not apply to you.
4. Candidates must also submit:
   * An official high school transcript signed by the high school administration;
   * A copy of ACT scores;
   * The Leadership Reflection Essays;
   * Two letters of recommendation that discuss the candidate’s leadership skills, interpersonal skills, level of motivation, and ability to work in a team atmosphere.
     Recommendations should come from an academic affiliate (principal, counselor, teacher, or administrator) or from an individual representing a community agency, organization, religious institution or employer with whom the candidate has been associated.
5. This application places the candidate’s name in consideration for the ExCEL Scholarship. An ExCEL selection committee will review all scholarship applications.
6. Applications must be received in the Office for Student Engagement no later than Friday, April 7, 2017.

Scholarship Information:
1. If you are receiving a full scholarship to Southeastern based on your ACT score, you are not eligible for this scholarship.
2. $1,000 per year payable in two $500 disbursements, fall and spring registration periods.

Renewable Criteria:
1. Renewable after the Fall 2017 semester with 2.5 cumulative GPA.
2. Renewable after each semester with the completion of responsibilities as outlined in this packet.
3. Recipient must be continuously enrolled as a full-time student during the fall and spring semester, completing at least 12 credit hours per semester. No scholarship will be available during summer classes.

Upon completion, please mail or hand deliver the application to the following address:
Southeastern Louisiana University
Office for Student Engagement
ATTN: ExCEL Scholarship
SLU 10483
Hammond, LA 70402

The application must be received in the Office for Student Engagement by Friday, April 7, 2017. If you are hand delivering, please note that SLU offices close at 12:30 pm on Fridays.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (985) 549-2120.
2017 EXCEL SCHOLARSHIP/LEADERSHIP FELLOWS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED LEARNING ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ONE
Program Focus: “Self”
- Attend the ExCEL Leadership Fellows Meeting the morning of Tuesday, August 15th prior to the start of Freshman Success Day.
- Attend the ExCEL Leadership Fellows Welcome Reception with Southeastern faculty and administration on Wednesday, August 23, 2017;
- Enroll in the mandatory Leadership Training 301 Class which is offered in the Fall of 2017. It is a 3 hour class.
- Attend 1 approved lecture/workshops per semester;
- Complete a reflective journal;
- Attend a monthly cross-cohort Community Meeting;
- Complete 8 hours of community or campus service per semester;
- Actively participate in a student organization of student’s choosing.
- Maintain a 2.5 cumulative Grade Point Average and maintain enrollment in at least 12 hours of course work.
- Be a student representative on the Division for Student Affairs Advisory Board when needed.

REQUIRED LEARNING ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR TWO
Program Focus: “Team”
- Attend the Fellows Reception to welcome the new Leadership Fellows;
- Attend 1 approved lecture/workshops per semester;
- Complete a reflective journal;
- Attend a monthly cross-cohort Community Meeting;
- Complete 8 hours of community or campus service per semester;
- Actively seek a leadership position within a student organization of your choosing.
- Maintain a 2.5 cumulative Grade Point Average and maintain enrollment in at least 12 hours of course work.
- Be a student representative on the Division for Student Affairs Advisory Board when needed.

REQUIRED LEARNING ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR THREE
Program Focus: “Community & Change”
- Attend the reception to welcome in the new Leadership Fellows;
- Attend 1 approved speaker/workshops per semester;
- Complete reflective journal;
- Complete 8 hours of community or campus service per semester;
- Attend monthly cross-cohort Community Meeting;
- Actively maintain a leadership position or seek a leadership position in a student organization of your choosing;
- Maintain a 2.5 cumulative Grade Point Average and maintain enrollment in at least 12 hours of course work.
- Be a student representative on the Division for Student Affairs Advisory Board when needed.

REQUIRED LEARNING ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR FOUR
Program Focus: “Citizen Leader”
- Assist with Interview of Freshmen Cohort;
- Attend reception to welcome in the new Leadership Fellows;
- Attend monthly cross-cohort Community Meeting;
- Attend Mentor Training;
- Mentor a Freshman and meet with him/her on a monthly basis;
- Attend 1 approved speaker/workshops per semester that relates to their chosen profession;
- Complete reflective journal or present a LEAD Talk (Lead, Engage, And Develop) through a TED-style talk;
- Be a student representative on the Division for Student Affairs Advisory Board when needed.
- Actively participate in a student organization of your choosing;
- Maintain a 2.5 cumulative Grade Point Average and maintain enrollment in at least 12 hours of course work.
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Excellence in Commitment to Education and Leadership
2017 Scholarship and Leadership Program Application
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Please print or type.

Name__________________________________________________________________________________

Last  First  Middle

Intended date of Southeastern enrollment___________________

Student’s Telephone (___)________________ Student’s Email Address___________________________

Mailing Address__________________________________________________________________________

City _____________________________________  State_____________  Zip________________________

Parent or Guardian’s Name ________________________________________________________________

High School Name _______________________________  City _________________________________

Graduation Date _________________________________

ACT/SAT Score _________________________________  GPA (4.0 Scale) ______________

Have you applied for other scholarships at Southeastern Louisiana University?  YES ☐    NO ☐

Please list any scholarships you have already been offered by Southeastern Louisiana University:
_______________________________________________________________________________________

_______________________________________________________________________________________

LEADERSHIP REFLECTIONS
Applications should contain typed responses to the following essay prompts. Your answers should not exceed four pages total and should be attached to this application.

1. What type of leader do you aspire to be, and in what ways do you need to develop in order to become this type of leader?

2. Please describe a time when you had to make a challenging decision. What values guided your thought process?

3. If you had the opportunity to change something in your community, what would you change and why, and how would you include others in that change?
In the sections below, please articulate your leadership background, which should include, but is not limited to, participation in high school extra-curricular activities, involvement in community programs, and other experiences that have supported your leadership development.

**ACTIVITIES:** List honors, organizations, offices held and activities in you which you have participated.

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**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:** List leadership activities not under the direction of high school administration (i.e. church, scouting, volunteering, etc.)

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**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** Work, training, or other activities not covered above.

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I have read and understand the updated 2017 program requirements of the ExCEL Scholarship as outlined in this packet.

Applicant’s Signature __________________________ Date __________________________