Schwarzman Scholars Program Campus Application Instructions

APPLICANT CAMPUS DEADLINE: 1 September 2016
RECOMMENDER CAMPUS DEADLINE: 7 September 2016

Campus Application Instructions

Step 1: Register for and begin application (DO NOT SUBMIT through the application management system until told to do so; simply SAVE it. Instead, DO submit materials as described below):

- Read the advice, etc. on the Schwarzman Scholars website
- Create an account/application at http://schwarzmanscholars.org/admissions/application

Step 2: Ask for STRONG Letters of Recommendation. Recommendations are extremely important for the success of your Marshall application!

You will need 3 letters of recommendation.

One of the 3 letters must come from someone who can discuss in some detail your leadership potential and attest to the leadership example you provide in your leadership essay.

All recommenders are asked:

- To describe your personal characteristics and experiences that will contribute to your potential to take on leadership roles in the future.
- To describe your intellectual and academic abilities.
- How you demonstrate broad interests, sharp insights on complex issues, flexibility of thinking and curiosity about the world, wherever possible, providing specific examples.

See the Letter of Recommendation advice on our website: http://externalscholarships.lafayette.edu/letters-of-recommendation-lors/

Recommenders must submit their draft/preliminary LORs electronically as WORD documents directly to Dean Goldberg (goldbeja@lafayette.edu; externalscholarships@lafayette.edu) by 7 September 2016.

Step 3: Submit the following materials to Dean Goldberg by 1 September 2016:

- Submit as hard copies to 105 Scott Hall:
  - Official transcripts from all institutions attended
  - Signed copy of the Lafayette “Nomination Permission and Waiver Form” (http://externalscholarships.lafayette.edu/scholarships/apply-through-lafayette/)
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- Submit electronically to externalscholarships@lafayette.edu:
  - Names of your 3 recommenders
  - Detailed resume/CV
  - Essays: These 4 short essays are designed to get a better sense of who you are, your dreams and aspirations, and how spending 1 year in China as a Schwarzman Scholar will enhance those aspirations. The essays are also intended to showcase your writing and analytical skills.
    - Personal Statement (750 words):
      Describe your professional interests and values and how the Schwarzman Scholars Program and deeper knowledge of China will help advance your goals. Describe both your short-term objectives for the 1-3 years after the program and your long-term aspirations. How will you contribute to the community of Schwarzman Scholar and to the Program’s mission?
    - Leadership Essay (500 words):
      Describe one specific example where you exercised leadership. This essay should examine your personal characteristics that constitute your potential for leadership including the ability to anticipate upcoming trends; the ability to inspire others to join in an effort to create change; the character, values, and determination to persevere despite difficult and changing circumstances; and any other personal characteristic that you think are key to your success as a leader.
    - Current Affairs Essay (500 words):
      Choose an issue in contemporary social, international, business, environmental, diplomatic, arts or other policy that is of interest to you. This essay should examine the current affairs and trends influencing the topic and make a realistic recommendation of how local, national and international leaders should intervene to contribute to a more peaceful and prosperous future.
    - Short Additional Information (100 words):
      Tell us something about yourself we would not otherwise know from your application.

Questions
If you or your recommenders have any questions about the Schwarzman Scholars program or campus application process, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Goldberg at goldbeja@lafayette.edu, externalscholarships@lafayette.edu, or 610.330.5521.