

Servant Leader Scholarship Application

In 2003 Seton Hall University, with a grant from the Lilly Endowment, established the *Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership* to increase awareness that God calls each of us, and that each call is a call to service. At the same time, to further the University's mission of forming servant leaders, Seton Hall established scholarships to support students who are examples of leadership for the good of others.

Eligibility

Undergraduate students in all disciplines are eligible to apply; students interested in Catholic Studies are encouraged to apply. Awards will be made on the following criteria:

1. For students entering Seton Hall University for the first-time (new freshmen, and transfer students), academic achievement prior to entrance into Seton Hall University, such as cumulative GPA, standardized test scores (SAT I or ACT for undergraduates), class rank, strength of curriculum, college GPA (for transfers), etc.
2. Financial need will be taken into consideration as demonstrated by the filing of a complete and accurate Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
3. Evidence of servant leadership as provided in the service/leadership resume (See essay question on application for more about what "servant leadership" means).
4. Statement of servant leadership as provided in an attached essay, based on the topic given.
5. Letter of recommendation from someone who can attest to evidence of your servant leadership.
6. Finalists may be invited to interview with the scholarship committee.

Recipients of the Servant Leader Scholarship are expected to participate in the *Servant Leader Scholars'* program, including regular meetings and on-going service of a **minimum of 20 hours each semester**. The schedule of meetings and service opportunities will be determined at the beginning of the fall semester.

Renewal of the awards is not guaranteed. Rather, eligibility will be based on program participation, maintenance of enrollment status as full-time (unless exceptions are granted by the scholarship committee) and a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA. Amounts of scholarship may vary from one year to the next, based on the quality of the applications that year and the amount of funding available.

Scholarship awards may be combined with other Seton Hall University scholarships and any grants or scholarships from the State of New Jersey, but may not exceed the cost of tuition and fees and are not applicable to other costs, such as room and board. Award amounts vary but average \$2,400.

Instructions

Please complete this form and return to the Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership no later than **January 5**. To be considered for the scholarship, you must have a completed **application for admission including high school or college transcripts, a teacher evaluation, and a counselor report** on file at Seton Hall University by **January 5**. **Note: Transfer students do not need to submit the teacher evaluation or counselor report.**

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Biographical Information

For the fall semester, I will be a (check one): _____ New freshman _____ New transfer

Student's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____
Month Day Year

Academic Information

Major: _____ Minor (if applicable): _____

Anticipated SHU graduation date (year): _____

Service and Leadership experiences

- Attach a service/leadership resume
- Be specific in your description of the experience
- List the dates this experience started and ended (use "present" if it continues today)

Essay

- Attach a one-page, typed response (about 400 words) to the following statement:

The mission of Seton Hall University is to form 'servant leaders' for a global society. Jesus taught his disciples that leadership involves a willingness to be "servant of all." Such leadership entails the ability to change hearts, heal divisions, and build community; and the virtues of courage, foresight, empathy, and stewardship of the common good. How have you experienced such leadership in your own life?

Letter of recommendation

Attach a letter of recommendation from an adult who can attest to your service and/or leadership experience. Examples of letter writers include pastors, youth group leaders, scout leaders, civic leaders, service organization leaders, and individuals you have served. The letter should contain a phone number where the writer may be reached. The letter need not be sealed.

Please return this application and all supporting documents to:

Office of Admissions
Seton Hall University
400 South Orange Avenue
South Orange, NJ 07079