Emmanuel Leadership Initiative
Competitive Leadership Scholarship

Description:

The ELI Competitive Leadership Scholarship is an institutional program that recognizes students with outstanding leadership skills. Recipients of this scholarship are awarded full tuition (minus the Hope Scholarship and the Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant, if they are Georgia residents). Because the leadership scholarship essentially replaces (and exceeds) several related programs, students who receive the leadership scholarship are not eligible to also receive the following scholarships: Georgia Valedictorian Scholarship, Academic Scholarship, Achiever Scholarship, Ministerial Scholarship, or Founders Scholarship. This scholarship does not cover room, board, or book fees and is not available during the summer terms. A maximum of two leadership scholarships will be awarded to incoming freshmen each year with the total number of scholarships at any given time not to exceed eight.

Eligibility:

Initial Award:

- Must represent exemplary servant leadership within the student’s church, school, and community
- Must be a graduating high school senior
- Must have at the minimum a 3.5 GPA and scored at least 1000 on the SAT or 21 on the ACT
- Must have completed the FAFSA and the Emmanuel College Application for Financial Aid.

Award Renewal: After the initial award year, this scholarship is renewable for a maximum of three more years if the following criteria continue to be met.

- Must participate faithfully in the Emmanuel College ELI program
- Must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5
Scholarship Application Materials and Process:

General Information

Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________ City ____________ State _____ Zip ____________
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ____________________________
Cell Phone ____________________________ Home Phone ____________________________
Email ____________________________ Social Security # ____________________________

Application for Admission Form

Have you completed an Application for Admission to Emmanuel form online or in print?

_____ If yes, we will use the general information above to match to your application. Proceed to the church information section below.

_____ If no, please fill out an online application at www.ec.edu or request a print application from admissions@ec.edu. Once you have completed the Application for Admission, proceed to the Church Information section below.

Church Information

(Must be the church you regularly attend)

Name of church: ____________________________
Address of church: ____________________________

Name of youth pastor ____________________________
Phone number of youth pastor ____________________________
Email address of youth pastor ____________________________

Name of senior pastor ____________________________
Phone number of senior pastor ____________________________
Email address of senior pastor ____________________________

Testimonial

Share your faith story in a 100-150 words or less.
Résumé

Please create a one- to two-page, single-spaced résumé listing the activities in which you participated and the activities which you led during high school. List each activity only once and include the years you were involved, positions held, and hours invested in the activity (or hours per week). (e.g. Blood Drive Planning Committee – 10 hours – 2009 & 2010, or Student Council – 2 hours per week – 2009-2010 school year.) Please identify clearly those activities in which you played a clear leadership role. Organize activities using the following four headings:

- **Church Activities**: Youth Group Leader, Short-Term Mission Trips, Discipleship Class Leader, etc.
- **Community Activities**: Lion’s Club, Rotary Club, Relay for Life, Scouts, 4-H, etc.
- **High School Activities**: Athletics, Student Government, Clubs, Drama, Band, Chorus, FCA, Young Life, etc.
- **Honors**: Please list the honors and awards you’ve received since the sixth grade.

Essay

Write a complete essay of 500 words or less, describing the reasons you believe you should be awarded the ELI Scholarship.

Reference Letters

- One reference letter is required from a church leader (Youth Pastor, Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor, etc.)
- One reference letter is required from a mentor (Coach, Band Director, Parent, etc.)
- One reference letter is required from a peer (approximately your age or younger) who has witnessed your leadership skills.

Guidelines for Reference Letters:

- All reference letters need to be no more than one page, single-spaced, typed and signed by the reference.
- Discuss your relationship with the applicant and characterize his/her leadership strengths and abilities.
- Describe your experience or observations in working with the applicant and how his/her leadership ability has been demonstrated.
- Please make any additional comments regarding the student’s qualifications and leadership or professional potential.
- Please comment on how you believe this applicant’s character and leadership abilities will positively influence the Emmanuel College campus.
Frequently Asked Questions

The ELI Scholarship Awarding Committee will review the application materials of the top five applicants individually and then meet to select one or two freshmen recipients per year.

For renewal purposes, the Office of Financial Aid will request verification from the ELI Sponsor each year that the recipient had indeed participated faithfully in ELI program during the previous year. Financial Aid will also verify that at the end of each full school year the recipient’s cumulative GPA was above 2.5.

Q: Will my financial need be considered as a factor in my receiving of this scholarship?
A: No

Q: What is the deadline for my application?
A: March 15th

Q: When will I be notified if I have been awarded this scholarship?
A: Within one month of the application deadline.

Submission of Materials

All application materials must be collected into a single packet by the applicant and mailed together to the following address:

ELI Sponsor
Emmanuel College
PO Box 129
Franklin Springs, GA 30639

Assessment

The following assessment process will be used to determine which applicants receive the annual awards:

- The Emmanuel Leadership Initiative Student Advisory Board will employ the current ELI Tracking Point System used for all Emmanuel College graduating seniors to evaluate the list of applicant leadership activities, awarding points to each activity and totaling all points for each applicant.

- The ELI Student Advisory Board and the ELI Sponsor will review all application materials of each applicant and forward the top five applicants to the ELI Scholarship Awarding Committee (made up of the ELI Sponsor, the Vice President of Enrollment and the Vice President for Academic Affairs).

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