



University of Florida Honors Scholars

This application is for the John V. Lombardi Scholarship Program and the Stamps Scholarship Program, both housed in UF's Honors Program. These are the top merit-based scholarships awarded to first year students at UF. A faculty committee will identify students as Lombardi or Stamps Scholars after selection as an Honors Scholar.

High schools may nominate up to two students. Information on the nomination process may be found [here](#). The deadline for submission of the [student application](#), [nomination form](#), and [recommendation form](#) is **5pm EST Sunday, November 14, 2021**.

Nominees identified as semi-finalists will be contacted in early March 2022 to arrange Zoom conversations with current Honors Scholars. Finalists will be invited to mandatory interviews with a faculty selection committee on March 26, 2022. Interviews are scheduled to take place on the UF campus unless social distancing guidelines indicate a virtual interview is necessary.

Note: Application to UF and the Honors Program is separate from this scholarship application. That deadline is November 1, 2021. UF and Honors Program admissions decisions will be available February 25, 2022. Honors Scholars must be admitted to UF and the Honors Program.

Application Instructions

- The online application requires the following demographic information: Name, UF ID, email, home address and phone number, high school name and CEEB code, nominator name and email address.
- The application prompts include essay questions and short answer questions. All questions are provided below.
- Type all responses in a separate document then copy and paste them into the online application in one sitting.
- You will receive a confirmation form after submitting the application and may use that to reopen the form and edit responses until the deadline. Applications may not be edited after 5 pm EST November 14, 2021.



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. List up to three school or community activity that is particularly rewarding or meaningful to you. You may include employment if applicable. Tell us about your contributions to the organization or activity. (250 characters each)
2. Describe a role you fill in your community. Community may be broadly defined as your school, family, workplace, team, church, etc. (250 characters)

ACADEMIC AND CREATIVE INTERESTS

3. Academic Interests (List 2; 150 characters each)
4. Creative Interests / Hobbies (List 2; 150 characters each)

SHORT RESPONSE QUESTIONS

6. What are you most looking forward to in your college experience? What do you think will challenge you most? (1000 characters)
7. Failure is integral to growth. Reflect on a time you failed. What did you learn from that experience? (1000 characters)
8. Addressing global challenges requires the integration of diverse and innovative perspectives. Tell us about a time you worked on a team alongside those with different views or approaches to solve a problem together. (1000 characters)

ESSAYS

9. Peaceful aliens have arrived on earth. You are charged with writing a welcome speech from your community addressing the visitors. What is one thing you would like them to know to help them to understand humanity? You may assume they understand the English language. (2000 characters)
10. [352 Walls](#) is a public art initiative sponsored by the City of Gainesville and featuring urban murals painted by a variety of artists. The project contributes to tourism development in the area and serves to highlight community spaces. Assume you have been commissioned by a local government to paint a mural in a town, village, or city that is important to you. Your charge is to represent the community's untold story through the mural. Where will your mural appear and what will it depict? Be as specific as possible. We are not interested in reading a synopsis of a historic event or time period but rather want to understand your creative process and why you identified the place and story to tell. (2000 characters)
11. "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts."- Mark Twain, *The Innocents Abroad*
Travel and exploring outside of your comfort zone are hallmarks of the UF Honors Scholar undergraduate experience. Provide an example of a time you visited a community outside your own and tell us how that experience changed your perspective. (2000 characters)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

12. Is there additional information you would like to provide? This is your chance to tell us more about yourself. Use it! (1000 characters)