

Leadership Scholars Program

JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY

Description of the Leadership Scholars Program & Award

The award is a scholarship designated for those students with the greatest potential to have an impact on the John Carroll community and the world around them. Scholarships are awarded to students who have expressed and/or exhibited a serious interest in, and capacity for, developing their leadership capabilities. This four year scholarship awards a minimum half tuition scholarship for up to twenty (20) first-year students each year. Students maintain their eligibility for the scholarship by committing to participate in the academic and co-curricular activities of the Leadership Scholars Program. This program is designed to promote intellectual curiosity and continual development in the area of leadership. Financial need and academic/career field interests are not criteria for selection into the program. As such, students in this program come from different backgrounds, exhibit a range of academic performance, and their scholastic interests represent a variety of academic areas of study.

Unique in design and scope, the Leadership Scholars Program affords students an opportunity to connect academic coursework and co-curricular experiences in a way that builds the leadership capacity of individuals, student groups, and the undergraduate population. To aid in the students' leadership development, the Leadership Scholars Program offers a cohort-based, academic program that complements classroom learning by helping students live out JCU's values, fully participate in co-curricular experiences both on and off campus, and connect with others interested in advancing our mission, vision, and values. Interdisciplinary by design, the Leadership Scholars Program inspires students to confront the social challenges of our time while gaining an appreciation for mutual learning, service, and becoming men and women for others. The Leadership Scholars Award is designed to support the mission of John Carroll University as a Catholic, Jesuit institution.

Requirements to Apply for the Leadership Scholars Program & Award

To apply for the Leadership Scholars Program, students need to:

- Have a minimum high school GPA of 3.0.
- Have applied for admission to John Carroll University as a first-time freshman student.
- Submit the following:
 - Typed response to an essay prompt in 1,000 words or less.
 - A resume that at minimum includes the student's name, address, and high school. Other suggested resume content includes: work experiences, volunteer experiences, leadership experiences, and honors/awards.

To be considered, applications must be received by **February 1, 2010**. Applications will be accepted electronically as well as in paper format. Electronic submissions can be directed to Joel W. Mullner at jmullner@jcu.edu, and should include both attachments (essay and resume). Paper submissions can be directed to Joel W. Mullner, Assistant Director of Enrollment, 20700 North Park Blvd., University Heights, OH 44118. *Upon receipt of your completed application, you will receive a confirmation e-mail.*

Questions surrounding the program or eligibility can also be directed to Joel Mullner at 216-397-4644 or jmullner@jcu.edu.



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Leadership Scholars Program Essay

The Catholic, Jesuit tradition is internationally recognized for developing exceptional leaders since the 16th century. In fact, excelling in leadership is specifically mentioned as an ideal characteristic of all members of the John Carroll community. Additionally, it is understood that leading others can be a complex and often personal process. With this in mind, please craft an essay about leadership and your life. Please limit your response to 1,000 words or less and be sure to cover the following points in your essay:

- **Describe a difficult decision that you have made in your life, as well as the reason it was a difficult one, and what you took into consideration when making the decision.**
- **Describe a time when you motivated others to support an idea or vision of yours and why this was important to you.**
- **Discuss the reason why you are interested in studying and learning about leadership and how you see leadership fitting into your future.**

Additionally, please include your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address on the first page of your response.

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Leadership Scholars Program. We look forward to receiving your application no later than February 1, 2010. Good luck!