

BE THE FIRST



Being the first in your family to go to college is a great opportunity and you want to make the most of it.



FIRST SCHOLARS empowers students to make the most of their college experience and prepare for life beyond graduation. Our program delivers multiple levels of support, including a full-time program coordinator and peer mentors to help First Scholars address the unique challenges first-gen students face.

HOW TO APPLY

- 1 **Apply to and be admitted to the University of Memphis.** Must be a first-generation student, meaning each parent has no more than two years of education beyond high school and no post-secondary degree.
- 2 **Complete the First Scholars application** by February 1st (must be admitted to the UofM before applying).
- 3 **Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at fafsa.ed.gov by February 1st.
- 4 **Complete the Student Strengths Inventory (SSI),** a non-academic assessment of your potential for success. Access to the assessment will open for students who advance in the selection process following February 1st deadline.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be first-time, full-time freshmen, be U.S. citizens or qualified non-citizens and perform in the mid-range on the ACT/SAT and GPA. Scholars will be selected based on eligibility and results of the SSI assessment as well as determined by financial need.

BENEFITS

- 1 **An annual \$5,000 renewable scholarship** (max. \$20,000) As long as program requirements are met.
- 2 **One-on-one coaching** to help achieve personal goals.
- 3 **Opportunities** to develop leadership skills & get involved on campus.
- 4 **Mentors** who include peers, faculty & alumni.
- 5 **A built-in network** of other students who know what it's like to be first!
- 6 **Special workshops** including social activities & service opportunities.



Application Deadline
February 1, 2018

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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