



Cleveland State University

Deckard Family Civic Fellows Scholarship

STUDENT APPLICATION

Date _____

A. Personal information

Full Legal Name: _____ CSU ID# _____

Local Address (number, street, apartment, city, state, zip code)

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____ Birth place: _____

What is your citizenship status? US citizen US Permanent resident
(if permanent resident, please provide copy of INS documentation)

B. Academic information

First enrollment date in a postsecondary education (may or may not be CSU): _____

College: _____ Major: _____ Minor: _____

Year: Sophomore Junior Senior Date degree expected: ____/____/20__

Grade Point Average (GPA) in Major: _____ Overall GPA: _____

C. Please list your civic/community engagement or service activity from the past two years.

D. Please attach a personal essay that addresses the three statements below in 1500 words or less.

1. Briefly describe your future plans.
2. Please detail your recent leadership and or civic engagement experience.
3. Explain why you are a good candidate for this fellowship?

E. In addition to the essay, a student **may** provide additional evidence of their civic engagement activity through any medium that can be stored on a flash drive, including video presentations, photos, news publications, PowerPoint presentation, or other means.

F. Please attach a letter of support from a non-family member familiar with your civic engagement activity.

G. Please attach a faculty sponsorship form from a member of the CSU faculty. (see attached)

Applications must have an essay, letter of support and faculty sponsorship form to be considered complete. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

My signature below certifies that the information I have provided on and attached to this application is true and correct. I understand that if any time any of the information provided is found to be false, any scholarship funds I have received based on this information will be rescinded possibly creating a balance due to Cleveland State University that I will be responsible for paying. In addition, I do hereby consent to the release of information concerning my academic and financial status to the CSU Foundation scholarship donors and the fellowship review committee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this signed form, essay, letter of support and faculty sponsor form to the Office of Civic Engagement via mail to 2121 Euclid Avenue, AC338 Cleveland, Ohio 44115 or in person to 2254 Euclid Avenue by 5:00 PM on **April 30, 2015**.



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Purpose:

The Deckard Family Civic Fellows Scholarship supports rising junior and senior students who have demonstrated a commitment to engagement opportunities provided by CSU, yet face significant financial obstacles. Selected fellows will be assigned to major community initiatives that address a significant challenge in the Northeast Ohio region.

Program Oversight:

The Deckard Family Civic Fellows Scholarship program will be administered by the Office of Civic Engagement under the direction of the Director of Community Partnerships in collaboration with the Office of University Advancement, the Office of Student Affairs, and other appropriate departments.

Expectations of Fellows:

The scholarship will be given to five students who will be entering their junior year in Fall 2015. These five students will have the opportunity to retain their scholarships during their senior years in 2016-17. Five additional juniors will be added as recipients at that time.

Deckard Fellows will be assigned to civic engagement projects that support or address a recognized regional, community based, or civic organizational need. Each Fellow will work collaboratively with a community organization or institution approximately eight hours per week during Fall and Spring semesters to complete the defined goals and deliverables of the assigned project.

Each Fellow will be assigned a mentor with whom each student should meet with regularly throughout the school year. Additionally, Fellows will be required to participate in reflection sessions, seminars/presentations and leadership development activities coordinated by the Director of Community Partnerships.

The scholarship is renewable for senior year provided that Fellows remain in good academic standing and successfully complete their assigned projects.

Eligibility Requirements:

To qualify for a scholarship, students:

- 1) Must be enrolled at Cleveland State University taking a minimum of 12 credit hours with a declaration of any major. Students must apply in the spring semester prior to their junior class year.
- 2) Must be in good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- 3) Must have demonstrated meaningful leadership participation in civic engagement opportunities provided by the University. Evidence of the civic engagement activities should be supported by:
 - a. Letter of support from a non-family member familiar with the student's engagement activity.
 - b. Sponsorship from a member of the CSU faculty.
- 4) Must submit an essay of no more than 1,500 words explaining their interest in the fellowship and detailing their civic engagement activities.
- 5) May provide additional evidence of their civic engagement activity through any medium that can be stored on a flash drive, including video presentations, photos, news publications, PowerPoint presentation, or other means.
- 6) Applicant must have a demonstrated financial need.

Selection Process:

A selection committee that includes faculty, staff and external stakeholders will be convened by the Director of Community Partnerships to review applications using a ranking tool that emphasizes leadership, collaboration, and impact of efforts. A pool of finalists will be interviewed. Final selection of the top candidates will ensure a strong cohort of Fellows each year that represents a diversity of academic disciplines, areas of civic focus, and backgrounds.



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Faculty Sponsorship Form

Faculty Name: _____

College/Department: _____

Student Name: _____

I support of the candidacy of _____ for the Deckard
(Student's name)
Family Civic Fellow Scholarship.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Additional Comments: _____
