

William H. Cooper Leadership Scholarship

APPLICATION

First Name Last Name Preferred Name

Street City State ZIP

Phone E-mail Address Intended Area(s) of Study

Parent/Guardian GPA (weighted) GPA (unweighted)

Commitment Statement

Please review and sign commitment:

If selected as the William H. Cooper Leadership Scholarship recipient and thus admitted to an accredited two year or four year Missouri institution, I agree to the following: 1. Participate in personal growth experiences, 2. Make internship, service opportunities and seminars a strong priority, 3. Maintain a sound academic record, 4. Contribute to my community through educational experiences.

I certify that all information given on this application is correct and written by me, the applicant.

Signature

Date



**Note: Additional Scholarship
Details on Back of Document.**

Academic, Work, Extracurricular, and Community Service Activities

Please consider your involvement in academic, service, or work related extracurricular activities in your school or community. List below up to eight activities that are most important to you. **IMPORTANT:** Describe your level of involvement in each activity and why it is important to you. Restrict responses to the space provided (200 characters).

	Activity	9	10	11	12	Position Held (If Any)	Appointed or Elected?	Hours Per	wk/mo /yr	# Of Members	Please indicate duration: one time or recurring event
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What are your leadership strengths and weaknesses and what new experiences and skills do you intend to gain in collegiate years to help you grow as a leader?

Name a leader and describe how he or she has influenced your life.

INSTRUCTIONS

William H. Cooper Leadership Scholarship

High school seniors should complete the application and send to their high school Counselor's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. March 15 of each year. By April 1, the William H. Cooper Leadership Scholarship Selection Committee will notify **semi-finalists** with further instruction to continue the process. The Scholarship Selection Committee will notify **finalists** by April 15 of their selection to participate in a personal interview in May regarding the final phase of the scholarship process.

A complete application will include the following materials downloadable from **fscb.com**, using a font size no smaller than 10 pt. (Limit responses to space indicated)

- 1) The application cover page with signed commitment statement
- 2) List and description of academic, work, community service, and extracurricular activities
- 3) Responses to short answer questions
- 4) A letter of recommendation from a person familiar with your leadership potential. Provide your recommender with the included instructional attachment. Your recommender should return to you in a signed/sealed envelope, their endorsement. Submit to your high school Counselor's Office, your application and endorsement by March 15 of the current academic year.

*Be sure to include your name on all pages.

*Print and keep a copy of your completed application.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Leadership Experience and Potential— Applicants should have a history of participation in school and community activities, and a goal of increasing involvement, particularly in the area of leadership development. Applicants must demonstrate the ability to understand and apply concepts of values-based leadership and selfless service, and to be willing to critically examine their own behavior and performance.

Evidence of Personal Character and Integrity— Applicants should demonstrate characteristics of high personal character, using this strength of character to be resilient in the face of significant obstacles. Applicants should demonstrate how purposeful commitment to critical thinking as an intellectually disciplined process is guided by personal beliefs and ethical values.

Orientation toward Community and Service— Applicants should have an awareness of themselves as members of broader communities that they depend on and help to shape. Applicants should exhibit an active commitment to responsible stewardship and a desire to help address community, state, national, or global issues through participation and service.

Commitment to Personal Growth— Applicants must have a desire to actively participate in developing themselves as leaders by seeking out new experiences, gaining new skills, and making a commitment to ongoing self-discovery and personal development. It is expected that there will be evidence of time management skills necessary to accomplish multiple personal goals.

Commitment to Physical Fitness and Wellness— Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to overall health and wellness. Activities should reflect a commitment to physical fitness and the discipline and time management skills necessary to maintain an active and healthy lifestyle.

Academic Eligibility—Recipient must ultimately be accepted for admission as a full-time, freshman undergraduate student at an accredited two or four year Missouri institution with plans to study a business related field. (Applicants must be registered at a participating high school within an FSCB market.)

Applicant _____

INSTRUCTION TO RECOMMENDERS William H. Cooper Leadership Scholarship

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As an applicant to the William H. Cooper Leadership Scholarship Program, the above named student has asked that you provide a letter of recommendation. **Please return to the applicant in a sealed/signed envelope; deadline for application is March 15 of each year.**

The William H. Cooper Leadership Scholarship is a leadership based scholarship for undergraduates who desire to further their education in a business related field. One high school senior, who is a registered student at a participating high school within an FSCB market, will be selected each spring. The selection will be based on review of a written application that includes a letter of recommendation from a person familiar with the applicant's leadership experiences and potential. If the applicant becomes a finalist, he/she will be invited to participate in a personal interview. The scholarship winner will receive a scholarship valued at \$2,500 the first year and \$2,500 the second year as long as a GPA of 2.5 or above is maintained.

Please comment on the applicant's suitability for this scholarship, focusing especially on their leadership development experiences and potential. (Please provide examples when possible.) The applicant will be evaluated in light of the following selection criteria. It is understood that you might not be in a position to comment on all areas, so please speak to those aspects of the applicant's character, abilities, and experiences with which you are most familiar.

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