MASS FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP GENERAL AWARD INFORMATION

The MASS First Generation College Student Scholarship (FGCS) is a component of Multicultural Academic and Support Services’ First Generation Program. The program provides First Generation College students with a structured approach to develop meaningful experiences and networking tools that will help them succeed at the University of Central Florida and beyond.

AWARDS

All scholarships will be processed through UCF MASS. The FGCS Scholarship Committee will review applications, verify completion of requirements, and make recommendations to the coordinator of the First Generation Program for final selection and approval.

Grant funds will be **equally divided amongst the total number of students who successfully complete the requirements.** Award amounts are based on amount of qualified applicants and funds available. Awards will be processed after the posting of Fall 2015 grades.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

A) General Eligibility:

- Must be a **First Generation College Student** (Neither parent or guardian has completed a Bachelor’s Degree within the United States)
- Must be a **part-time or full-time undergraduate** student at UCF
- Must have a minimum **term or cumulative GPA of 2.75**

B) Scholarship Requirements: **Reserve your spot at the workshops on KnightConnect!!**

1. **Complete 8 MASS/First Generation Workshops by the scholarship deadline**
   - At least one (1) workshop must be from the First Generation Program workshop series
2. **Complete one (1) MASS Lunch and Learn**
3. **Complete four (4) Campus Experiences. Out of the five (5) offices listed only one (1) experience per office.**
4. **Complete the MASS First Generation College Student Scholarship Application. YOU MUST INCLUDE:**
   - Current résumé
   - A list of all the MASS and Campus Experiences you attended (please make sure you keep track of each of the experiences attended)
   - **Two (2) essays**, no less than 300 words and no longer than 2 pages:
     1. **Biographical Essay:** Tells us who you are. Please explain some of the challenges you have faced and how you have overcome them, as well as your educational and career goals
     2. **FGP Experience Essay:** How has your experience with the UCF First Generation Program impacted you and how you plan to impact the UCF community through your knowledge and experiences
   - **Recommendation Letter** - Must be issued within the current academic year. Preferably written by a UCF faculty or UCF staff member. All recommendation letters must be written on department letterhead with the recommender’s contact information and signature at the bottom.

Application deadline is December 4, 2015 at 5pm
Return the completed application to MASS, Student Union Room 154 by December 4, 2015 at 5pm.
All application materials as well as information regarding MASS programs can be found at [www.mass.ucf.edu](http://www.mass.ucf.edu)
DIRECTIONS: Complete both sides of the application with legible penmanship. Please deliver all **required materials** to the MASS Office located in the Student Union Room 154 by December 4, 2015 at 5pm.

**REQUIRED INFORMATION**

Name:_________________________________________    PID:____________________________
Knights E-mail:_________________________________  Phone Number:________________________
Local Address:________________________________________________________________________
City:_________________    State:_________________   Zip:____________________
College____________________    Major:____________________________________________________
Cummulative GPA:____________________
Classification (According to Credit Hour): ☐ Freshman    ☐ Sophomore    ☐ Junior    ☐ Senior
I am a First Generation College Student *(check YES if neither parent or legal guardian has attained a Bachelor’s Degree within the United States)* ☐ YES ☐ NO

Race/Ethnicity (check all that apply):
☐ African American/Black    ☐ Asian American/Pacific Islander    ☐ Caucasian    ☐ Hispanic/Latino
☐ Native American    ☐ Mixed Racial—Please specify: ________________________________
Other (please specify): ____________________________________________________
Gender:   Male      Female Other___________________

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Have you filed the 2015-2016 FAFSA Form? ☐ YES ☐ NO

**Important note to Financial Aid Recipients (please read):** Awards and scholarships are considered a “resource” and must be included in a student’s financial aid budget. If you are awarded a scholarship that exceeds your financial aid need, a reduction of payment of financial aid may occurr.

Please complete and sign the back of this application
Campus Experiences

PLEASE READ: To receive credit for a MASS or Campus Experience you must attend the entire experience. Partial attendance (coming in late or leaving early) will not count towards attendance. Please plan accordingly and choose experiences you can fully attend based on your schedule.

CAMPUS EXPERIENCES

- Complete at four (4) Campus Experiences. Out of the five (5) offices listed only one (1) experience per office.
- Ensure to get your Campus Experience Verification form signed by staff/presenter AFTER each experience. *It is your responsibility to ensure we are supplied all information on your attendance*
- YOU MUST submit your Campus Experience Verification form to MASS located the Student Union Room 154. Experience Verification Forms are available on KnightConnect.

1. **STUDENT ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER WORKSHOPS**
   - **August 27th 4pm-5pm, Getting A’s Using Time Management, Student Union 223**
   - **September 1st 1pm-2pm, Discover Your Learning Style, Student Union 223**
   - **September 10th 4pm-5pm, No Stress Zone: Reducing Test Taking Anxiety, Student Union 223**
   - **September 22nd 1pm-2pm, The Next Level: Preparing for Professional School, Student Union 223**
   - **October 6th 1pm-2pm, Getting A’s Using Time Management, Student Union 223**
   - **October 27th 1pm-2pm, Staying Ahead of the Game: Avoiding Procrastination, Student Union 223**
   - **November 17th 1pm-2pm, Final Exam Preparation, Student Union 223**

2. **OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOPS**
   - **Getting Started-Undergraduate Research**
     - **August 26th 1pm-2:30pm, Student Union 221**
     - **August 27th 10am-11:30am, Student Union 221**
     - **August 28th 3pm-4:30pm, Student Union 221**
     - **October 29th 1pm-2:30pm, Student Union 221**
   - **Student to Student-Debunking the Myths of Undergraduate Research**
     - **September 1st 11am-12pm, Student Union 221**
     - **September 10th 3pm-4pm, Student Union 221**
   - **What’s Next? Opportunities for Current Undergraduate Researchers**
     - **October 12th 2pm-3:30pm, Student Union 223**
   - **Summer Off-Campus Research Experiences**
     - **October 14th 10am-11am, Student Union 221**
     - **November 16th 2pm-3pm, Student Union 221**

3. **CAREER SERVICES WORKSHOPS**
   - **Preparing for Career Expos**
     - **September 9th 3pm-4pm, CSEL 115**
     - **September 15th 11am-12pm, CSEL 115**
     - **September 22nd 4pm-5pm, CSEL 115**
   - **Networking Strategies**
     - **September 2nd 3pm-4pm, CSEL 115**
     - **October 6th 11am-12pm, CSEL 115**
     - **October 22nd 4pm-5pm, CSEL 115**
     - **November 12th 10am-11am, CSEL 115**
   - **Building Winning Resumes**
     - **September 10th 11am-12pm, CSEL 115**
     - **October 1st 10am-11am, CSEL 115**
     - **October 28th 4pm-5pm, CSEL 115**
     - **November 17th 3pm-4pm, CSEL 115**
   - **Are You Considering Graduate or Professional School?**
     - **September 22nd 11am-12pm, CSEL 115**
     - **October 22nd 11am-12pm, CSEL 115**
4. **OFFICE OF INTEGRITY AND ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT**
   - September 16th 3pm-4pm, True Friendship, Student Union 220
   - September 30th 3pm-4pm, Creating a Peaceful Living Space with Others, Student Union 220
   - October 12th 3pm-4pm, Academic Integrity, Student Union 220
   - November 5th 3pm-4pm, Social Media Etiquette, Student Union 220
   - November 17th 3pm-4pm, The Art of Email Etiquette, Student Union 220

5. **ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT PROGRAMS**
   - Prepare for Grad School with AAP
     - August 27th 4pm, Technology Commons II 221
     - August 31st 5pm, Technology Commons II 221
   - Grad School Application Process
     - October 12th 12pm, Technology Commons II 223
     - November 10th, 3:00pm, Technology Commons II 221
   - Prepare for Grad School Fair
     - October 1st, 1:00pm, CSEL 121
   - Funding your Grad School Education
     - October 29th, 3:00pm, Student Union 224
     - February 23rd 12pm-1:30pm, Teaching Academy 201
   - Grad School Series: Cornell University, September 22nd, 11:00am, CSEL 121
     Vanderbilt University, October 14th, 3:00pm, CSEL 121
     University of California Irvine and San Diego, October 27th, 11:00am, CSEL 121
     University of Pennsylvania, November 3rd, 11:00am, CSEL 121
     (Must RSVP @ app@ucf.edu)
   - March 2nd 1pm, Burnett Honors College Conference Room
   - MD/Ph.D Forum with the University of Minnesota
   - March 2nd 3pm, Technology Commons II 221

*Workshop times and locations are subject to change. Please contact the offices above to inquire about any changes. Should there be any schedule changes, students are expected to make alternative arrangements in a timely manner to receive credit for the scholarship.*

Student Academic Resources Center, SARC: (407) 823-5130
Office of Undergraduate Research, OUR: (407) 823-3125
Career Services and Experiential Learning, CSEL: (407) 823-2361
Integrity and Ethical Development, IED: (407) 823-3477
Academic Advancement Programs, AAP: (407) 823-1815

Falsifying information about experience attendance in your application is an infraction against the UCF Golden Rule and will immediately disqualify you from any MASS Scholarships in addition to other possible university-wide repercussions.

To find more about the Golden Rule go to: [http://goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/docs/GoldenRule-lowres.pdf](http://goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/docs/GoldenRule-lowres.pdf)
SUPPORTING MATERIALS

REQUIRED: LIST OF ACTIVITIES ATTENDED
Please list all eight MASS workshops below.

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Campus Experiences: One event per area offices listed.

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CONSENT
All the information I have provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that completion of this application authorizes the Multicultural Academic & Support Services office to release information to Target and to verify my records to ensure that I meet the criteria. I understand that if selected for this award my name and picture might be published.

____________________________________  __________________________________
Applicant’s Signature                                  Date