

FORM II - STUDENT ESSAY
(to be completed and signed by the student)

**2017 YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY**

The applicant is responsible for collecting ALL application components (forms I, II, III, and IV, including an official transcript) and mailing them in a single 9x12" manila envelope.

Applications must be postmarked by February 15, 2017. Students will be notified by May 15, 2017.

ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

In the space provided on the reverse side of this page, please indicate your reasons for wanting to participate in the Young Scholars Program in your own handwriting in approximately 500 words or fewer. Prioritize clarity and precision of expression over length.

Please bear in mind that the Young Scholars Program is very competitive, as most applicants have outstanding test scores and grades, are at the top of their class, are involved in numerous extracurricular activities, and are generally exceptional students. Do not include a laundry list of your academic record and extracurricular activities in this essay. Instead, this is the place to write what you think should be known about you that will make you stand out in this competitive applicant pool.

These personal statements are an important part of your application to the Young Scholars Program. As you compose your essay, you may consider the following prompts:

- Briefly describe an educational experience—formal or informal—that has had a significant effect on your life, and explain what you gained from the experience.
- How would participating in FSU's Young Scholars Program enrich your education and help you meet your long-term academic and career goals?
- What or how do you feel you would contribute to this year's group of Young Scholars? In short, why should you be chosen?

PLEASE NOTE: While your *final draft* must be written in your own handwriting directly on the reverse side of this form, applicants are encouraged to use word processing technology and/or any other tools to *compose* the essay.

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ESSAY (in your own handwriting!)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____