

OPTIONAL FORM – STIPEND APPLICATION
FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS ONLY

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.

To make certain that no one is precluded from participating in the Young Scholars Program because of financial need, we are pleased to announce the availability of YSP Stipends. These need-based stipends are to be awarded to outstanding students who are selected for participation in the 2017 Young Scholars Program and who are **verified** by their high schools as having **SIGNIFICANT financial need**.

The Young Scholars Program is funded by Florida State University and we are pleased to be able to offer a total of 40 positions for the 2017 program, for which the costs of room, board, and academic tuition for every participant are fully covered. This equates to an automatic scholarship in the amount of over \$3000.00 for each and every student, without the submission of this form.

Still, it is likely that some outstanding Florida high school students might not compete for admission to the program because they and their families cannot afford the additional expenses that must be borne by the participant. Stipends may be available for such economically disadvantaged students, and these stipends cover:

Textbooks: If placed in courses that require textbooks, those textbooks would be furnished for stipend recipients by the program (maximum of \$150). Textbooks will be the student's to keep.

Commitment Fee: If students make a firm commitment and are selected for a stipend, the commitment fee to hold their position upon acceptance will be waived.

Travel: The costs of stipend recipients for their travel to and from Tallahassee are covered, following the guidelines below. *Food and lodging during travel are **not** covered.*

IF CHOOSE TO DRIVE: The stipend would be awarded as a reimbursement check mailed after successful completion of the program. The amount is based on the Florida mileage table used by FSU for your travel **TO** Tallahassee at the start of the program and your travel **FROM** Tallahassee when the program is over. The return mileage for these trips is not covered (read: you do not receive reimbursement when you the student are not physically doing the traveling).

IF CHOOSE TO FLY: We would make your plane reservations for you and pay for the fare. Before purchasing, we would confirm with you and your parents that the flight that we have chosen works logistically for you. We would then email your flight confirmation. This is a NONREFUNDABLE fare. Once we purchase a ticket for you, if for any reason you have to cancel your participation in this summer's program, **YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR THE PLANE TICKET**. In other words, once your ticket is purchased, your commitment to the Young Scholars Program is firm.

The application for the YSP Stipend (see reverse) is to be completed by the applicant and his or her parents and then submitted to the appropriate high school guidance counselor and principal for verification by the school. The verified application should be submitted by the student, along with the other application documents, to the Young Scholars Program at Florida State University.

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NOTE: Since we are not asking for family income information, it is important that applicants who request the additional stipend do indeed have **significant financial need**, defined as being **unable** to attend the Young Scholars Program unless this additional support is made available (see reverse side). **This fact must be verified by the school.**

I. APPLICANT SECTION

Applicant Name _____

High School _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian affirming significant financial need:

Signature _____ Date _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

E-mail _____ Phone () _____

II. SCHOOL VERIFICATION SECTION

We verify that the student named above has significant economic need and would be unable to attend the Young Scholars Program unless he or she obtains this additional support.

Counselor

Principal

Signature _____ Signature _____

Name _____ Name _____

Date _____ Date _____

High School _____

Email _____ Email _____

Phone () _____ Phone () _____