

2010-2011 Leadership Scholarship Application

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To be considered for Leadership Scholarships, all information below must be received by February 1, 2010

- Have at least a 20 ACT Composite and a 3.0 GPA
- Complete the NSU Application for Admission, must be accepted to NSU
- Attach a current official high school transcript and ACT scores
- Three recommendation forms to be filled out by a high school counselor and two leadership references that are familiar with your leadership accomplishments and privately sealed in separate envelopes along with other needed forms. Return completed forms with application.
Letters of recommendation will not be accepted.

Return all documents together. All PLC/RISE application materials including Activity and Evaluation forms can be found at <http://offices.nsuok.edu/financialaid/TypesofAid/Scholarships.aspx>.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN INK.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

E-mail Address _____

Name _____ Last _____ First _____ MI _____ SSN _____ Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____ Street / PO Box _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Telephone _____ Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes No Are you an Oklahoma Resident? Yes No

Parents' Names _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Unweighted High School Grade Point Average _____ High School Class Rank _____ out of _____

High School Name _____ HS Phone _____ Graduation Year _____

Probable college major or major code listed on back of application for admission _____ Undecided on College Major

ACT Score _____ SAT Score _____

NATIONAL TEST SCORES

ACT	SAT
English _____	Verbal _____
Mathematics _____	Mathematics _____
Reading _____	Total _____
Scientific Reasoning _____	
Composite _____	

President's Leadership Class

The President's Leadership Class is a competitive, unique scholarship/leadership program designed to identify and cultivate outstanding potential in selected freshmen entering the university. Membership in the PLC allows students to develop close associations with university administrators and meet scholars and dignitaries who frequently visit campus. Students chosen for the PLC also have the opportunity to take advantage of some of the most talented faculty members at NSU who teach special sections of selected required courses.

Applicants for the PLC should display outstanding leadership capability and potential and should have a strong academic record. Last year's high school seniors who were invited to enter the President's Leadership Class had a mode composite ACT score of 27. There is a 20 minimum ACT composite score requirement and minimum unweighted high school grade point average of 3.0. Academic expectations are high.

Students with proven leadership skills and strong academic records compete for scholarship assistance of \$5,610 per academic year which includes a stipend and tuition waiver. The PLC Scholarship is renewable for four years if members maintain high academic standards while exercising practical leadership in university activities.

PLC applications are carefully reviewed by a committee of NSU faculty and staff which select a group of individuals who are invited to campus for a personal PLC interview. After the personal interview process has been completed, individuals selected for the Fall 2010 President's Leadership Class will be notified by April 1, 2010.

RISE Scholarship Program

The RiverHawks Impacting Student Enrollment (RISE) Scholarship Program is a new leadership/service program being implemented at NSU. The program is designed to expound upon the potential displayed by selected freshmen. Students selected as RISE scholars will have the unique opportunity to immediately develop close associations with university administrators and faculty. RISE scholars work closely with different areas of the Enrollment Management team. During their freshman year, they will have the opportunity to assist the Office of High School and College Relations in recruiting and communicating with prospective students. In their second year, RISE scholars will serve as student mentors and will assist the Office of First Year Experience.

Each student receiving the RISE scholarship will receive a minimum two year scholarship currently valued at \$4,206 per year. The scholarship includes a tuition waiver and half of a standard double occupancy room per semester. In order to receive aid in subsequent semesters RISE scholars must maintain both satisfactory academic progress and service commitment. Some students, based on academic performance, may receive the tuition portion of the scholarship for four years.

Applications will be reviewed in conjunction with PLC applications. Following the application review, a select group of individuals will be invited to campus for a personal interview, also held in conjunction with PLC interviews. Following the interview process, individuals selected as Fall 2010 RISE Scholars will be notified by April 1, 2010.

Applications must be received by Feb. 1, 2010.

Applications received after Feb. 1 will not receive consideration.

PLC/RISE Leadership Activity Form (PLC/RISE APPLICANTS ONLY)

Name _____
Last First MI

Please **TYPE** brief, yet specific information relating to your top five leadership activities you have participated in during your high school experience. (Refer to example for direction). Note: this form will serve as a leadership resume'. Please do NOT submit additional forms. This form can also be found at <http://offices.nsuok.edu/financialaid/TypesofAid/Scholarships.aspx>

LEADERSHIP POSITION/ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITIES	ACCOMPLISHMENTS	TIME COMMITTED
Example: Northeastern High School STUCO *Organization of NSU County Literacy Program./ Jr. Class Rep.	Present publicity to NSU County residents about program. Record participant information and program progress.	Worked with 50+elementary students in NSU county. Received Mayor's Honorable Recognition for Achievement.	2009-2010 (2 hrs./wk. for 14 weeks)

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

2010-2011 President's Leadership Class



PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP CLASS POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

The President's Leadership Class is a unique four-year scholarship and personal development program designed to identify a limited number of outstanding students in order to foster their intellectual growth, refine their leadership skills and enhance their relationship with Northeastern State University. The PLC consists of select students with a wide range of beliefs, ideals, and talents who are encouraged to work and learn together. They are united in their commitment to the pursuit of excellence and to the cultivation of their skills for service. The scholarship invests in students who will be undergraduate leaders and improve the quality of life for all students on campus.

1. The President's Leadership Class awards will include an annual scholarship of at least \$5,610 for each class member unless special circumstances prevail.
2. Each recipient will be credited one-half of the annual scholarship toward his/her tuition, room and board, and required educational expenses each regular semester provided he/she satisfies PLC academic and leadership standards.
3. PLC members are expected to attend all regular meetings, special projects, and official gatherings of the class.
4. Freshmen members will take a special leadership orientation seminar. They will also enroll in special PLC designated sections of history, English, and political science when offered; non-freshman year special PLC designated classes may include humanities and speech, among others.
5. Each PLC member will live in University Dormitories during his/her freshman year and on campus his/her sophomore year. Any extreme extenuating exceptions must be brought before the PLC Advisory Board.
6. Each PLC member is expected to complete a minimum of 30 semester credits per academic year.
7. Each PLC member must be regularly admitted to the University and must maintain the following academic standards. Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25. If a student at the end of any regular semester has a cumulative GPA of less than 3.25, he/she will be placed on academic probation. The student will remain on academic probation until his/her cumulative GPA has risen above 3.25. If, while on academic probation, the student has a regular semester GPA that is below 3.25, that will be considered grounds for termination from the President's Leadership Class.
8. If any student earns below a 2.5 in any one regular semester, such an academic performance will be considered grounds for immediate termination from the President's Leadership Class.
9. Receiving an "F" in a regularly scheduled course will be considered grounds for immediate termination from the President's Leadership Class.
10. All PLC members will be held to the same standards regardless of marital status, academic classification or place of residence.
11. Each PLC member is required to be actively involved in approved student leadership activities, student organizations, and/or extracurricular activities. Each semester, PLC members must provide a written report identifying their leadership activities, organizations, and extracurricular activities. Lack of leadership activities, and/or failure to timely submit the written report each semester will be considered grounds for immediate termination from the PLC. The PLC Advisory Board will monitor compliance. PLC members may also be called upon to serve the University in recruitment and other efforts.

CERTIFICATION

Federal law requires the University to obtain written permission before releasing information to the news media regarding scholarship recipients. If you wish to give such permission, please mark the appropriate box below.

Yes No

I certify that all the information contained on this scholarship application is true to the best of my knowledge. I have completed this form voluntarily and understand that the information that I have provided will be treated confidentially, and will only be used in connection with the scholarship application process.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

2010-2011 PLC/RISE Evaluation Form

Student's Name _____ High School _____

PLC/RISE RECOMMENDATION FORM ONLY!

The entire PLC/RISE application should be returned to the Office of Scholarships, c/o Jessica Langston, 701 N. Grand, Tahlequah, OK 74464. Three confidential evaluations should be included with the application; one to be completed by the student's **high school counselor**, and the remaining two to be completed by **individuals that are familiar with the student's leadership accomplishments**. The three confidential evaluations should be placed in separate sealed envelopes accompanying the PLC/RISE Application. These materials must be received by February 1, 2010 to ensure consideration for all awards.

CHARACTERISTICS	EXCEPTIONALLY	VERY	SOMEWHAT	UNABLE TO RESPOND	RECOMMEND
Shows Leadership Qualities					
Energetic					
Skilled In Interpersonal Interaction					
Responsible					
Skilled In Written Communication					
Cooperative					
Honest					
Academically Motivated					
Skilled In Oral Communication					
Organized					
Creative					

If there are any additional, exceptional, or extenuating circumstances you want to provide concerning this student, please use the space below for your comments. **Do not attach** letters of recommendation.

Evaluator's Name (printed)

Evaluator's Name (signed)

Date

- High School Counselor
 Leadership Reference

Name of Activity _____

EVALUATOR - PLEASE ENCLOSE THE RECOMMENDATION IN AN ENVELOPE, SEAL THE ENVELOPE, SIGN YOUR NAME ACROSS THE SEAL, AND RETURN IT TO THE STUDENT.