

Supplemental Academic Scholarships--Common Application

This is a SAMPLE application. Applicants must submit the online application by the deadline to be considered.

The online application begins with a series of basic demographic questions. What follows are samples of the short response and essay questions.

Academic Excellence: List your academic honors, departmental recognition, discipline/major-specific clubs or organizations. Very briefly describe the recognition/club and your role (if any). Indicate the year of the recognition/award, and/or the time period when you were involved with the club/organization. The focus should be on post-high school experiences. Note: This should be presented in list format, not as a paragraph.

TIP: Please ensure that it is easy to understand what you did and when. What was your role? What did you accomplish? How many hours a week did you dedicate to this club/organization, and for how long did you participate? All of this should be very clear.

TIP: If you list a club or organization, it should be in some way linked to your major. If you have participated in non-academic clubs or organizations, they belong in another category (probably leadership).

TIP: Spell out names of clubs, organizations, or awards. Don't use acronyms.

TIP: You should not repeat activities in the Academic Excellence, Leadership, or Professional responses, so decide which category makes most sense for each of your experiences.

Leadership and Engagement: List your leadership experience, volunteer service, and any campus or community involvement. Very briefly describe the activity and your role. Indicate the time period when you were involved in these activities, and the number of hours per week/month you spent on each. Do not repeat items listed previously. The focus should be on post-high school experiences. Note: This should be presented in list format, not as a paragraph.

TIP: Please ensure that it is easy to understand what you did and when. What was your role? What did you accomplish? How many hours a week did you dedicate to this club/organization/position, and for how long did you participate? All of this should be very clear.

TIP: Spell out names of clubs or organizations. Don't use acronyms.

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Professional: List your work, internship, or research experiences. Very briefly describe where you worked or interned, and your role. Indicate the time period when you worked/interned, and the number of hours per week/month you spent on each. Do not repeat items listed previously. The focus should be on post-high school experiences. Note: This should be presented in list format, not as a paragraph.

TIP: Please ensure that it is easy to understand what you did and when. What was your role? What did you accomplish? How many hours a week did you dedicate to this experience, and for how long did you work/intern there? All of this should be very clear.

TIP: You should not repeat activities in the Academic Excellence, Leadership, or Professional responses, so decide which category makes most sense for each of your experiences.

Personal Statement (maximum 3000 characters)

Write a personal statement that includes the following information: 1) A college experience that motivated or increased your interest in your current major; 2) A life challenge or obstacle (relating to academics, family, finances, health, etc.) that you have overcome or are overcoming during your college career, and what you learned from it; 3) An experience with community service, volunteering, or other campus/community involvement, and how it has affected you and your community. 4) Your academic and professional plans for your remaining time at Temple. **Incorporate responses to all four points into your essay.**

TIP: Ensure that you answer all four points in a meaningful way.

TIP: The maximum character count is 3000 characters: use your space appropriately (for example, don't spend 2500 characters answering the first prompt).

TIP: It is okay if you expand on any of the experiences you wrote briefly about in the Academic Excellence, Leadership, and Professional questions.

TIP: For points 1-3, don't just describe what happened—reflect on it.

TIP: The personal statement should be in **paragraph format**. You may answer the questions in any order.

Impact Statement (maximum 2000 characters)

Explain the potential impact of this award on your ability to achieve your educational goals and complete your studies at Temple University.

TIP: The Impact Statement should be in paragraph format.

TIP: This is a bonus question—tell us anything about your financial situation you think it's important for us to know. Do not include critical information about your academic or professional experiences here—it most likely should go in the Personal Statement