

## Smith Future Scholars 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:** 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.

### Sample entries:

Global Studies Society (GSS), Member in 2020-2021, Vice President in 2021-2022. Responsible for organizing two panel discussions and for co-leading GSS member meetings. One hour/week for the academic year.

Vira Heinz Scholarship for studying abroad in Japan, summer 2022. Given to three female students from Temple every year.

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:** 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.

### Sample entries:

Nationalities Service Center (NSC), Volunteer, Summer 2021. Assisted an English as a Second Language class for Philadelphia-area refugees and immigrants. 5 hours/week for 10 weeks.

Leadership, Education, and Development in Science (LEADS), Member, 2021-2022. Four visits to middle schools to conduct science experiments and mentor students interested in science and technology. About five hours for each of the four visits in 2021-2022 (20 hours total).

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TIP: Spell out names of clubs or organizations. 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.

**Professional:** 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.

Sample entries:

Student Success Center Writing Tutor, September 2021 to current, 10 hours/week. Assist students with research papers, personal statements, and other writing assignments. Stress the relationship between critical thinking and writing. In-person and virtual sessions.

Morning Jo Café, barista, May 2020 to August 2020, 20 hours/week. Prepared coffee and other beverages; interacted with customers in a fast-paced environment; managed the closing of the café.

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 4000 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 4000 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.

**Future Fellowship/Scholarship/Research Opportunities (maximum 2000 characters)**

Identify one fellowship, scholarship, or research opportunity from this list and explain how it would help to support your academic and career trajectory.

Tip: You do not need to meet all the eligibility requirements for the opportunity you select yet. You are identifying something you hope to apply for *in the future*.

Tip: Click on the hyperlinks to learn more about the opportunities before selecting one. Do not make a selection based only on the brief descriptions we provide.

Tip: Make sure we know what your academic and career goals are before you make a case that it's a good fit.

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