**Class of 2019 Civic Scholars Program Application**

***Cultivating the Next Generation of Civic Leaders***

The Gephardt Institute’s Civic Scholars Program recognizes undergraduate students who exemplify future potential for civic leadership. 16 rising juniors will be selected for the two-year program based on their commitment to community service and civic engagement. The program includes intensive leadership training and mentorship to prepare them for a life dedicated to public service, and a scholarship of $5,000 to support a substantial civic project or internship. Through this program, Scholars will:

* Engage in substantive instruction, leadership development, skill building, and group service designed to support the development of their service projects and civic vision.
* Weekly, required academic courses in junior and senior year which will include readings, written assignments, guest speakers, excursions, and class discussion.
* Network with and be mentored by prominent civic leaders in the St. Louis community and the course instructors. Scholars will also mentor the incoming Civic Scholars each year.
* Participate in an annual retreat designed to fortify their cohort and launch them on a path of civic leadership.
* Have opportunities for immersion in local neighborhoods, exposure to diverse communities, and comparative experiences in communities outside of St. Louis, including an annual fall break trip.
* Receive a $5,000 award to be utilized prior to graduation for a substantial civic project of their choice, developed in consultation with their mentors. This may include an unpaid nonprofit internship, social entrepreneurship project, international service experience, or engaged research.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

First name (preferred):

First name (legal):

Last name: Your Preferred Pronouns:

Address:

Email: Phone Number:

Student ID#:

School/Major(s):

Are you currently a sophomore? Cumulative GPA:

**REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO YOUR RESUME**

* Resume highlighting significant community service and civic engagement experience.
* A letter of recommendation from someone who is familiar with your community service and civic engagement experience (could be faculty, staff, or supervisor). This letter should stapled to your application, or if you prefer it can be sent directly to LuAnn Oros, Coordinator of Civic Engagement Programs at luann.oros@wustl.edu In the subject line, please have them write “LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION – (Your Name Here)”.
* A short essay, two to three pages, single spaced, with the following subheads:

**Civic Leadership**

* What are the most important characteristics for a civic leader to have? Provide an example of a person who exemplifies these characteristics.

**Civic Engagement**

* How is civic engagement an integral part of your life? How do you plan to continue that commitment after graduation?

**Civic Project Idea**

* What social issues do you want to address with your $5,000 award? Please describe how your proposed project contributes to your personal, academic, or professional goals. (You will not be required to implement the project you describe in this essay. We understand that goals for the project may change during the program.)

**Expectations**

* What do you hope to learn from the Civic Scholars Program?

Please submit **seven, stapled** hard copies of the completed application to the Gephardt Institute for Civic and Community Engagement: Danforth University Center, Room 150 or campus mail at Campus Box 1059.

**Applications must be in the Gephardt Institute office by Friday, February 17, 2017, 5:00p .m.**

**Select** applicants will be invited for an interview.

Final decisions will be announced in March 2017.

For questions please email LuAnn Oros, Coordinator of Civic Engagement Programs,

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