



SCHWARZMAN SCHOLARS

TIPS FROM THE ADMISSIONS TEAM

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BEFORE YOU
APPLY...



- ✓ Read the instructions and review the application resources carefully
- ✓ Consider your leadership narrative thoughtfully and develop specific demonstrative examples of your leadership in action
- ✓ Ask yourself clarifying questions about program fit and what you can uniquely contribute to the community of scholars if selected
- ✓ Carefully consult your peers and advisors but be sure to maintain your own voice
- ✓ Start early!

02

AS YOU
APPLY...



- ✓ Be authentic in how you portray your passions and expertise
- ✓ Keep your recommenders engaged and informed of your leadership story and other application content
- ✓ Choose recommenders who know you well and can support your leadership examples first-hand
- ✓ Demonstrate restraint and be intentional in what you include—everything should inform the selection committee what kind of leader you are
- ✓ Show your growth!

03

BEFORE YOU
SUBMIT...



- ✓ Proofread
- ✓ Edit extraneous material and remove themes not central to your leadership narrative
- ✓ Stay in the active voice and write clearly and concisely
- ✓ Submit early if you can—we accept applications any time before the deadline.
- ✓ You can even submit before your recommenders submit their letters!

WHAT WE LOOK FOR...

LEADERSHIP



We look for candidates who demonstrate the qualities necessary to assume leadership roles in their chosen field and cultural context, an ability to conceptualize and implement effective approaches to existing and emerging conditions; and who possesses the energy and adaptability to help make change happen.

CHARACTER

We look for candidates who reveal a strong sense of values and integrity, demonstrating commitment to something—a cause, community, institution, enterprise, or ideal—larger than themselves. Ideal candidates are those who are capable of working with people with differing values and perspectives in order to achieve a greater goal. They demonstrate the ability to persevere when circumstances are challenging and take responsibility for and learn from failure.

INTELLECT

We look for candidates who demonstrate significant academic accomplishments and the intellectual agility to think flexibly across multiple fields, who apply intellectual skills in and out of the classroom, and show promise to contribute to a learning community; and those whose intellect and ability contribute to a dynamic, intercultural learning environment.



ADMISSIONS TIMELINE



**SUBMIT BY
9-27-2018**

Each year Schwarzman Scholars selects up to 200 young leaders through a rigorous selection process designed to evaluate leadership experience and potential, intellectual and academic ability, and strength of character.

Qualified candidates must:

- ▶ Demonstrate English fluency
- ▶ Be between 18 and 28 years old
- ▶ Possess an undergraduate degree by the time of enrollment