

Jefferson Scholars Foundation

GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Jefferson Scholars Foundation offers Jefferson Scholarships for undergraduate study at the University of Virginia. The goal of the Foundation is to attract the most outstanding students in the nation and the world to the University - students who are extraordinary leaders, scholars, and citizens. **Individual merit in these three areas is the sole criterion for selection.** Financial need, which the University meets through other resources, is not a consideration in making nominations, recommendations, or selections.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The Jefferson Scholars Foundation seeks to attract to the Grounds of the University the most promising student leaders in the world, individuals who demonstrate superior potential for providing exceptional contributions to the University as students and to the world at large as alumni of the University. In granting the awards the Foundation will have regard for our ideals of excellence:

- 1) leadership ability
- 2) scholarship ability
- 3) responsible citizenship

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

No one may apply directly to compete for Jefferson Scholarships. To be eligible a candidate should:

- 1) Be a member of the current graduating class AND be selected by their school as the nominee from that senior class.

The JSF strongly encourages, but does not require, all participating schools to nominate a candidate who, in addition to meeting the stated selection criteria of excellence in leadership, scholarship, and citizenship, is willing to complete the entire process, which could mean foregoing a binding application to another school.

OR

- 2) Be selected through the at-large process by the University of Virginia Office of Undergraduate Admission, which requires applying to UVA either Early Decision or Early Action.

If selected as a recipient of the Jefferson Scholarship, the deadline for accepting the offer will be **April 17, 2024**. Once enrolled in the University of Virginia, a Jefferson Scholar should be a superior citizen of the student body, both in conduct and achievement. A Scholar should contribute to the University community in a positive and constructive fashion and should show promise for so doing as a member of the alumni community.