



THE ROBERT VOTAW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

General Information

The Southwest Florida Seminole Club - Robert Votaw Scholarship Fund was established to award well deserving Lee county or Charlotte County high school graduates or the equivalency thereof, funding toward their undergraduate studies in order to receive the quality educational experience that Florida State University offers.

THE NUMBER & AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS available depends upon the amount of funds available to be disbursed. The Southwest Florida Seminole Club Board of Directors will review the Scholarship Fund annually and decide on the number of scholarships and amounts to be made available as fund permit. These are one-time scholarships in the envisioned amount of \$1,000. The scholarship(s) can be awarded to one or more freshman students. The selection of recipients will be made by the Southwest Florida Seminole Club.

THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA will take into consideration the following: academic excellence, extra-curricular activities and community service, essay response, **and, if selected as a finalist, an interview.**

The applicant's legacy status will not be considered in the selection process.

In compliance with NCAA Rules, we are not allowed to give a scholarship to anyone who anticipates playing a varsity sport for Florida State University.

ADMINISTRATION AND SELECTION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP shall be under the auspices of Florida State University, the FSU Foundation, and the FSU Alumni Association. The university will retain custody of the funds, and award the dollar value and number of scholarships as determined by the Southwest Florida Seminole Club Board of Directors.

A SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE WITHDRAWN and the unused balance returned to the Southwest Florida Seminole Club Robert Votaw Scholarship Fund if the student drops below or fails to register for the required hours to be classified as a full-time student.



GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must meet one of the following criteria:
 - A. Be a resident of Lee or Charlotte County attending FSU, OR
 - B. Be a senior attending a high school in Lee or Charlotte County, or the equivalency thereof, and planning to attend FSU,
2. Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll as a full-time student seeking a degree in an undergraduate program from Florida State University,
3. Applicant must provide:
 1. Complete application
 2. Essay
 3. Latest official transcript along with the name and contact information of a school official who can verify this information.
4. If selected as a finalist, applicants must attend an in-person interview with members of the Southwest Florida Seminole Club Board.

Other Important Information

- **APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 5, 2023**
 - Email complete application to SWFloridaSeminoleClub@gmail.com
- **ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP** selected by the Southwest Florida Seminole Club will be announced during the Seminole Send-Off Event, date to be determined. If recipient cannot attend they will be notified directly.
- Scholarship monies will be distributed **AFTER** the applicant officially confirms their status as a full-time student.

APPLICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM:

- Southwest Florida Seminole Club website: www.fortmyersnoles.fsu.alumnispaces.com
- Online: - log on to www.alumni.fsu.edu
 - Click “get connected” tab and choose “Seminole Clubs and Chapters”
 - Click “find your local Seminole Club or Chapter”
 - Click on the state of Florida and scroll down to “Southwest Florida Seminole Club”
- ANY Lee County High School Counseling Office



THE ROBERT VOTAW SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Personal E-mail Address: _____

Name of High School: _____

School Counselor Contact Name: _____

School Counselor Email Address: _____

Graduation Date (MM/YY): _____ Weighted GPA _____

SAT Combined Score: _____ ACT Composite Score _____

Financial Need:(please include your estimated family contribution toward school) _____

ARE YOU BEING RECRUITED AS A STUDENT ATHLETE BY FSU? ___ Yes ___ No

FSU Degree Seeking (Doctorate, Masters, Bachelors) _____

Intended Major _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Father Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell: _____

Father E-mail Address: _____

Mother Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell: _____

Mother E-mail Address: _____



ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES (SEPARATE RESUME RECOMMENDED)

All applicants are encouraged to show active community involvement through past or ongoing participation in athletics, the arts, civic or religious community service, work experience, or other activities. Please list specific examples if noting community service. (You may attach a separate document with additional information, if needed.)

1. Activity: _____

Dates of Involvement: _____

Description: _____

2. Activity: _____

Dates of Involvement: _____

Description: _____

3. Activity: _____

Dates of Involvement: _____

Description: _____

4. Activity: _____

Dates of Involvement: _____

Description: _____

5. Activity: _____

Dates of Involvement: _____

Description: _____

AWARDS & HONORS

Awards & Honors: _____

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ESSAY

Please include a short essay, not to exceed one page, responding to the following prompt:

The Latin words "**Vires, Artes, Mores**" have served as the guiding philosophy behind Florida State University for over a century. Vires signifies strength of all kinds, including moral, physical, and intellectual. Artes alludes to the beauty of intellectual pursuits as exemplified in skill, craft, or art. Mores refers to character, custom, or tradition. **In what ways do you embody these values?**

BY SIGNING BELOW, I GRANT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION (SUCH AS GPA), AS NEEDED TO VERIFY INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION.

I ALSO CERTIFY, THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ON THIS APPLICATION IS CORRECT, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IN CASE THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FINDS THIS TO BE TO THE CONTRARY, I FORFEIT THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE THIS SCHOLARSHIP AND ANY FUTURE RIGHTS THAT I MIGHT HAVE FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP, SHOULD I BE AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP.

I AGREE TO NOTIFY FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE FSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF ANY CHANGES IN MY STATUS THAT WOULD MAKE ME INELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____