

APPLICATION
THE CITADEL DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS PROGRAM
(CDSP)

[please complete both pages and read attachment and contract for more information]

CDSP is for students who intend to pursue graduate studies or are interested in competing for prestigious scholarships as undergraduate students.

This application is due electronically to Dr. Earl Walker at earl.walker@citadel.edu and Mrs. Perez at vperez@citadel.edu by February 12, 2021.

Name: _____ CID _____
Cadet Company: _____
Best email: _____
Best phone number: _____

Please answer a few questions to help us get to know you better:

What are your declared major(s)/minor(s)? _____

YES OR NO (circle one)	Do you plan to pursue a Master's Degree?
YES OR NO (circle one)	Do you plan to pursue a Ph.D.?
YES OR NO (circle one)	Do you plan to go to Law School?
YES OR NO (circle one)	Do you plan to go to Medical School?

Do you have a career goal you can share? _____

Are you interested in: (check all that apply)

- Research
- Public Policy
- Leadership
- Military

Do you have or plan to pursue a military contract? YES OR NO

Would you be willing to defer military service for grad school? YES OR NO
ESSAY QUESTION: (please attach to application)

There are many different definitions of success. The Citadel Distinguished Scholars Program (CDSP) defines success as helping cadets find fulfilling work and a more meaningful life by winning prestigious scholarships and admission to distinguished graduate programs. Such opportunities include a scholarly environment that produces future leaders and provides cutting-edge ideas and solutions to better our world.

In no more than 400 words, please elaborate on your personal goals here at The Citadel and how the CDSP would assist you with your journey of self-discovery, personal improvement and professional development?

THE CITADEL DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS PROGRAM

- **Are you inspired to study at one of the world's most prestigious universities and learn from the most preeminent minds in your field?**
- **Would you like a remarkable career leading national and international institutions in government, military, corporations, foundations?**

What Is It? The Citadel Distinguished Scholars Program seeks up to ten outstanding **AND** ambitious freshmen who would like to be intensively coached and tutored to prepare them to apply for prestigious scholarships and admission to elite universities. Scholarships include the best known Rhodes but many others as well, all of which provide tuition and support for up to two years. Some provide funds for master's degrees or doctoral degrees. By elite universities, the Program seeks to get cadets admitted to graduate study at schools such as Harvard, MIT, Yale, Stanford, Princeton, Chicago, Berkeley and many others in any field you choose. There are opportunities for you, whether your major is engineering, business, natural sciences, mathematics, humanities, foreign languages or the social sciences. [Please see below for examples of prominent scholarships, fellowships and universities.]

Why This Program? No Citadel graduate has been a Rhodes, Marshall or Gates Scholar and very few have been admitted to prestigious universities like those mentioned above. We want you to help us correct this. Please realize that to be selected for a prestigious scholarship or attend an elite university is to prepare Citadel graduates for careers at the highest levels of our society. For example, to be a Rhodes Scholar or graduate from MIT or Harvard is a life-changing, career-accelerating achievement.

What Can Scholars Expect?

- To be teamed with a mentor for the remainder of their cadet career.
- To take four required 3-credit tutorials with our most talented faculty in their sophomore and junior years to enhance their oral and written communication skills and broaden their understanding of classical studies, necessary to compete for these opportunities.
- To receive extensive coaching and training from mentors and Advisory Board members to prepare them to apply for fellowships and universities and be highly competitive.
- To receive help reviewing and selecting opportunities that match their interests and skill sets and navigating the challenging application processes.
- To attend meals with our Program Directors and Program Advisory Board, comprised of leaders from across all fields and sectors of our society, practicing networking and etiquette for making a great first impression.

When Can You Apply? Immediately.

Next steps? Applications are due electronically to Professor Walker and Mrs. Perez by February 12, 2021. Interviews will be conducted by early March, and the Program Committee will notify applicants by mid-March, 2020.

Questions? We're happy to help! Please contact us:

Our Director: Professor Earl Walker, earl.walker@citadel.edu

Our Administrative Officer: Vanya Perez, vperez@citadel.edu

The Citadel Distinguished Scholars Program

Prestigious Scholarships

Rhodes Scholarships: The Rhodes Scholarships are the oldest and most celebrated international fellowship awards in the world. Each year 32 young students from the United States and dozens of other students from around the world are selected as Rhodes Scholars who will attend Oxford University in Oxford, England for two years. The Rhodes Scholarship provides full financial support for Rhodes Scholars to pursue a degree or degrees at the University of Oxford. Selection Committees select scholars based on intellect, character, leadership and commitment to service. The fellowship of Rhodes Scholars, worldwide and across generations, is active and over 7,000 strong. Rhodes Scholars therefore enter a life-long fellowship with ongoing opportunities to connect with current and senior Scholars and, beyond that, a warm and engaging community within Scholars typically develop enduring friendships. The Rhodes Scholarship opens opportunities for Scholars before, after, and during their time in Oxford.

Marshall Scholarships: The Marshall Scholarships finance young Americans of high ability to study for a fully-funded graduate degree at any university in Great Britain. Marshall Scholars study any subject they desire for a two-year course of study. The objectives of the program are as follows: to enable intellectually distinguished young Americans to study in the UK, to help Scholars gain an understanding and appreciation of contemporary Britain, to contribute to the advancement of knowledge in science, technology, the humanities and social sciences and the creative arts at Britain's centers of academic excellence.

Gates Scholarships: The Gates Cambridge Scholarships at the University of Cambridge in Cambridge, England are awarded to outstanding applicants from countries outside the United Kingdom to pursue a full-time postgraduate degree in any subject available at the University of Cambridge and are fully funded. The selection criteria are: outstanding intellectual ability, leadership potential, a commitment to improving the lives of others, and admittance to Cambridge University. While at Cambridge, Scholars pursue the full range of subjects available at the University and are spread across its departments and colleges. Students may choose a three-year PhD program, a two-year research master's degree, or a one-year master's degree. The aim of the Gates Cambridge program is to build a global network of future leaders committed to improving the lives of others.

Hertz Scholarships: Ph.D. funding for eligible applicants for Hertz Fellowships. Must be students of the applied physical and biological sciences, mathematics, and engineering who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States of America, and who are willing to morally commit to make their skills available to the United States in time of national emergency (see our [Moral Commitment section](#)). Open to college seniors wishing to pursue a PhD degree as well as graduate students already in the process of doing so. The cost-of-education allowance is accepted by all of the participating schools in lieu of fees and tuition. Hertz Fellows therefore have no liability for any ordinary educational costs, regardless of their choice among participating schools.

Knight-Hennessey Scholarships: Knight-Hennessey Scholars develops a community of future global leaders to address complex challenges through collaboration and innovation. Every year, up to 100 high-achieving students from around the world will receive full funding to pursue any graduate degree at Stanford University, including the DMA, JD, MA, MBA, MD, MFA, MS, and PhD programs, as well as joint- and dual-degrees. While we are excited to build a cohort that reflects the breadth of excellence at Stanford, there are no allocations or quotas by discipline or

program, however priority will be given to applicants who will spend at least two years at Stanford as we do not believe one year is sufficient to form the community we envision and benefit from the leadership platform we are developing. We encourage applications to Knight-Hennessey Scholars from citizens of all countries.

The National Science Foundation Scholarships: STEM-Focused graduate research fellowships to pursue work at Masters or PhD level. Some 2,000 are awarded yearly and are research based for study at US institutions. Usual focus is on leadership, global experience and desires, and preparation requires some experience in the field of application. They receive 12,000 applications yearly. Undergraduates must have degree in STEM and desire to do graduate work in USA.

Truman Scholarships: The scholarship, in the amount of \$30,000, funds graduate education anywhere in the world in any field the scholar chooses. The Truman Scholarship's "sole aim is to pick out people with potential to become leaders—then provide support to help them realize their aspirations." Scholarships are awarded to persons who demonstrate outstanding potential for and who plan to pursue a career in public service.

OTHER PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS

Anna Sobel Levy	Mitchell
Boren	Payne
Churchill	Pickering
East-West	Rotary
Fulbright	Schwarzman
Goldwater	Soros
Hollings	Stamps
Knight-Hennessey	Yenching
Lincoln Labs/Draper	

PRESTIGIOUS GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Cal Berkeley	New York
Cal Tech	Princeton
Columbia	Stanford
Cornell	Univ. of Cambridge
Duke	Univ. of Chicago
Harvard	Univ. of Michigan
Imperial College London	Univ. of Oxford
Johns Hopkins	Univ. of Pennsylvania
MIT	Yale