

Excelsior Charter Schools

7th – 11th grade Staff Scholarship Application 2024/2025

Purpose:

To provide a one-time scholarship across **all grades of \$500 to nine (9) eligible students who are in 7th – 11th grade** at Excelsior Charter Schools. Funds will be held in a trust for the chosen student and will be given to the student upon graduation from Excelsior. *If the student receiving the scholarship leaves Excelsior prior to graduation, or fails to graduate from Excelsior, he or she will lose the scholarship award, and the money will be deposited back into the Excelsior Staff Scholarship Fund.*

Award:

One (1) non-renewable scholarship across all grades will be awarded to nine (9) students each who are selected by a committee of Excelsior administrators, teachers and staff. Top applicants will be chosen based on their completed application and essay submission. In addition to completing this application form, all items must be included in your submission for the committee to consider your application.

Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be in grades 7th - 11th at Excelsior Charter Schools.
2. No failing grades within the previous (2) two semesters.
3. No level (2) two or higher discipline record within the (2) previous semesters, as defined by the Excelsior Student Handbook.
4. Applicants must submit ALL completed materials by **4pm on April 11, 2025.**

Submission:

Please email the following documents to Scholarshipapps@excelsior.com

******Please note that late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. ******

1. Completed Scholarship Application
2. Completed Essay Prompt
3. List ANY Club(s) and/or Activities (School or Community)
4. List ANY Special Recognitions

Application section must be completed.

Student ID #: _____ Counselor : _____ Current Grade: _____

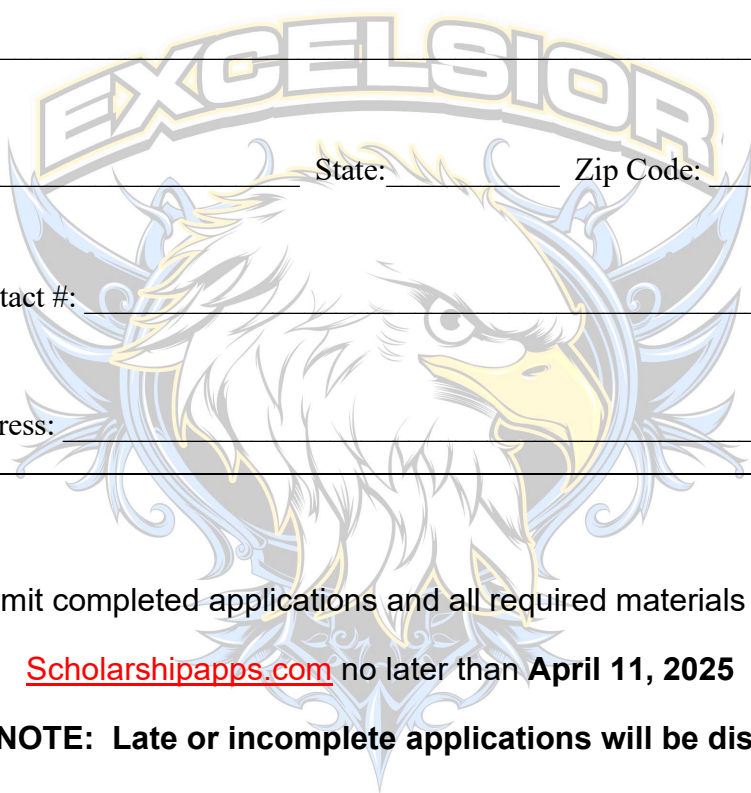
Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Student/ Home contact #: _____

Student Email Address: _____



Please submit completed applications and all required materials by email to

Scholarshipapps.com no later than **April 11, 2025**

PLEASE NOTE: Late or incomplete applications will be disqualified.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Discipline Status: _____ Transcript Reviewed: _____

LIST ANY CLUBS AND/OR ACTIVITIES YOU CURENTLY OR HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE. THEY CAN BE ANY ACTIVITIES, SCHOOL CLUBS, ATHLETIC CLUBS OR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

Activity/Community/Sport/Club Name	Year(s) involved

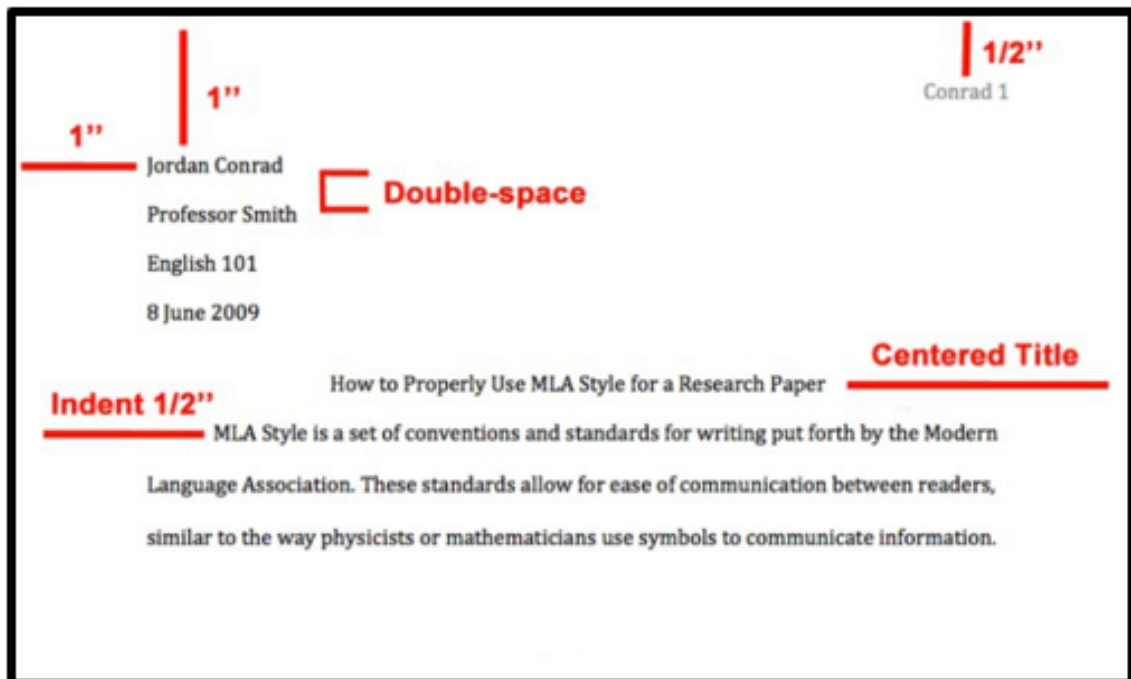


LIST ANY SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS YOU HAVE RECEIVED THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE.

Recognition Type	Year(s) involved

Essay Instructions:

1. **Choose a Topic** – Pick a topic from your grade-level prompt list.
2. **Write a Multi-Paragraph Essay** – Your essay should have a clear structure and follow MLA format.
3. **Use 3 Reliable Sources** – Your sources must be from the last 5 years.
4. **Understanding Sources** –
 - a. Google is a search engine, not a source.
 - b. Wikipedia cannot be used as a source.
5. **Where to Find Good Sources** – Use articles from:
 - a. Government or educational websites (.gov or .edu)
 - b. Online or print news outlets
 - c. Professional sites like Britannica
 - d. Interviews (only one personal interview is allowed)
6. **Using Evidence** – Include quotes from your sources throughout your body paragraphs. Explain how they support your ideas.
7. **Works Cited Page** – The last page of your essay must list all sources in correct MLA format.
8. **Use the Rubric** – Follow the rubric to make sure your essay meets all the requirements!



PROMPT CHOICES BY GRADE LEVELS:

Grades 7 or 8 Prompt:

1.) Heroes

Think about a time in your life that had a big impact on who you are today. It could be a tough moment, a big success, or even a small event that changed how you see the world. Now think about two heroes you've learned about in school who faced challenges like yours. What did their actions show about strength and character? How can their stories inspire you and others to grow and make positive changes? Explain how their lessons helped you handle your own challenges and what you learned from them.

2.) A.I

What do you think about how AI (artificial intelligence) affects people, communities, and businesses? Do you think it can help everyone and "serve the common good"? What does "serving the common good" mean to you? Think about how AI has already made a difference in your life. How could it shape your future or the career you want someday?

3.) Societal concern

Choose a current societal concern that you feel strongly about and explore its impact on individuals, communities, or the world. Research the topic to understand different perspectives and use evidence to support your ideas. In your response, explain the issue and propose a specific, realistic call to action that could help address the problem. Your goal is to persuade others to care about this issue and inspire them to take action, just like you would.

*Be creative, thoughtful, and passionate in your response, and show how your ideas could make a positive difference in the world.

Grades 9-11 Prompt:

1.) Heroes

Think back to a moment in your life that has had the biggest impact on you as a person. This could be a challenging experience, a success, or even a small event that changed the way you see the world. Now consider how two heroes you've studied in school reflect these same lessons. What do their actions teach about resilience and character, and how can their stories inspire both you and the reader to embrace changes that make a meaningful difference, just like you did? Include how their lessons impacted and guided you in overcoming your own personal challenge.

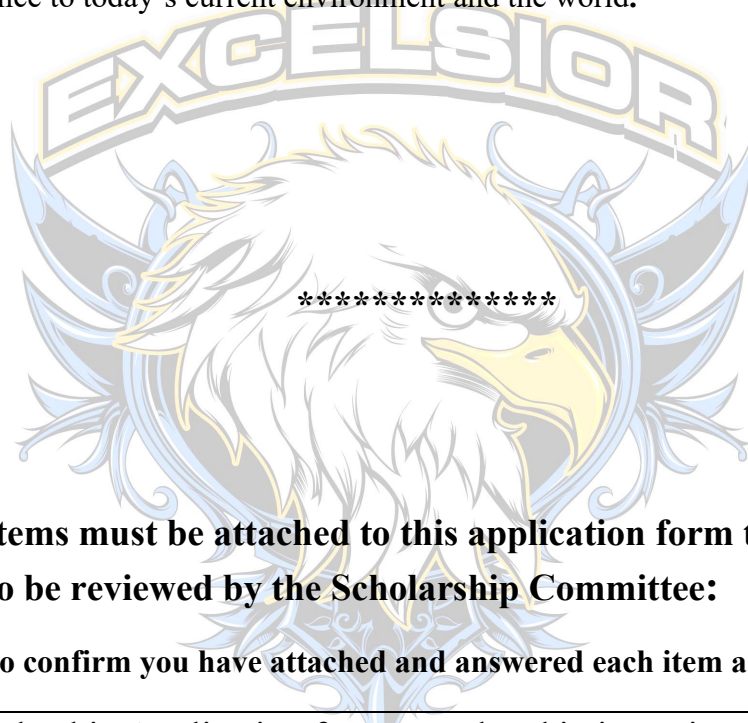
2.) A.I.

Explore what you think the impact AI has on individuals, communities, and businesses "to serve the common good." What does "serving the common good" mean to you? Does AI even "serve the common good?" Think about how AI could impact your dreams and discuss possible implications for your future career?

3.) Societal Concern

Identify a current societal issue that you believe has significant importance in today's world. Conduct thorough research to explore the issue's complexities, including its historical context, the perspectives of various stakeholders, and its broader impact on individuals or communities. In your response, explain the issue and propose a specific, realistic call to action that could help address the problem. Your goal is to persuade others to care about this issue and inspire them to take action, just like you would.

*Be creative, thoughtful, and passionate in your response, and show how your ideas could make a positive difference to today's current environment and the world.



The following items must be attached to this application form to establish your eligibility and to be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee:

(Check each box to confirm you have attached and answered each item as required.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Scholarship Application form completed in its entirety. (Incomplete applications will not be accepted.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed one the Essay Prompts
<input type="checkbox"/>	List of any club activities. (If none, put N/A.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	List of any Recognitions. (If none, put N/A)

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above-mentioned information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. My signature below certifies that I have read and understand all conditions and requirements of the applicant for the scholarship as described on the front page under Eligibility, Application and Entry Requirements.

All information collected as part of the application process for the scholarship becomes the property of the Excelsior Scholarship Committee. It will be kept confidential and will only be used by the Scholarship Committee for the purpose of evaluating applications.

By signing this form, you authorize the release of information provided with this application to other student aid, scholarship funding sources or donors for consideration of other scholarships, awards, prizes and fellowships.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Applicant’s Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Please submit the completed application and materials by email to Scholarshipapps@excelsior.com **no later than 4:00pm on April 11, 2025.**

Please note that late or incomplete applications will not be accepted past the deadline.