

# Excelsior Senior Scholarship

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## Applicant Information Packet

Excelsior Charter Schools is pleased to present our annual Senior Scholarship for the **2024-2025** academic year. The scholarship provides a one-time award of **\$500** to three (3) senior applicants who will be selected by a committee of Excelsior Administrators, Teachers and Staff. In addition to completing this application form, all items must be included in your submission for the committee to consider your application.

### **Applicant Eligibility:**

1. Applicants must be a *current* senior student at Excelsior Charter Schools.
2. Applicants must have at least a 2.0 GPA (unweighted).
3. Applicants must be enrolled by fall semester of 2025-2026 at any accredited college, university, vocational school or military academy.
4. Applicants must submit ALL completed materials by the deadline.

\*Late or incomplete work will result in disqualification.

### **Application Process:**

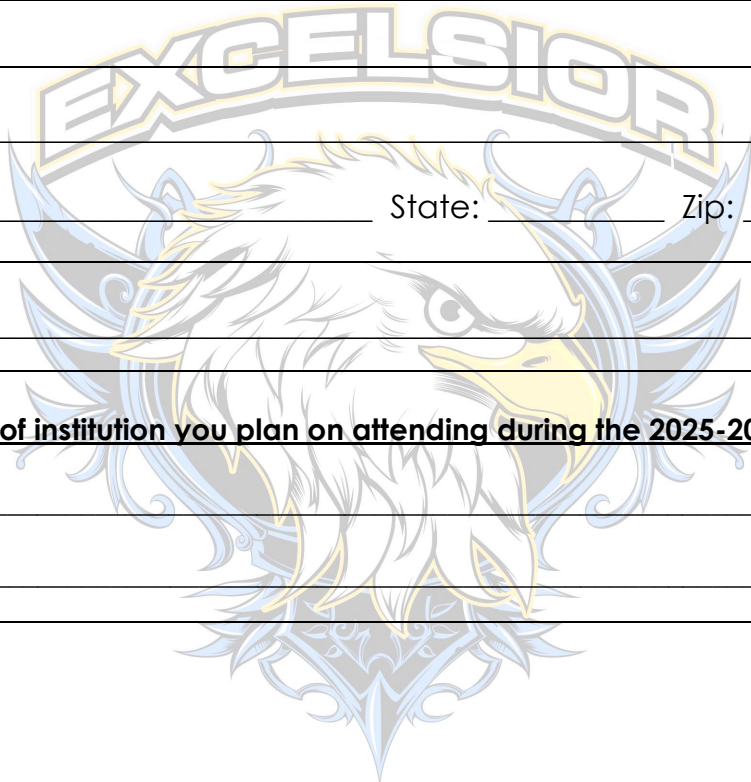
Please submit the following documents to [Scholarshipapps@excelsior.com](mailto:Scholarshipapps@excelsior.com)

1. Completed Scholarship Application
2. Scholarship Essay Response (choose one of the prompts)
3. List of Extracurriculars/Awards- school activities, community involvement, etc
4. Applications and all related materials are due by **4pm on April 11, 2025.**

# 2024-2025 Senior Scholarship Application

Last Name: _____	First Name: _____
Student ID#: _____	Phone: _____

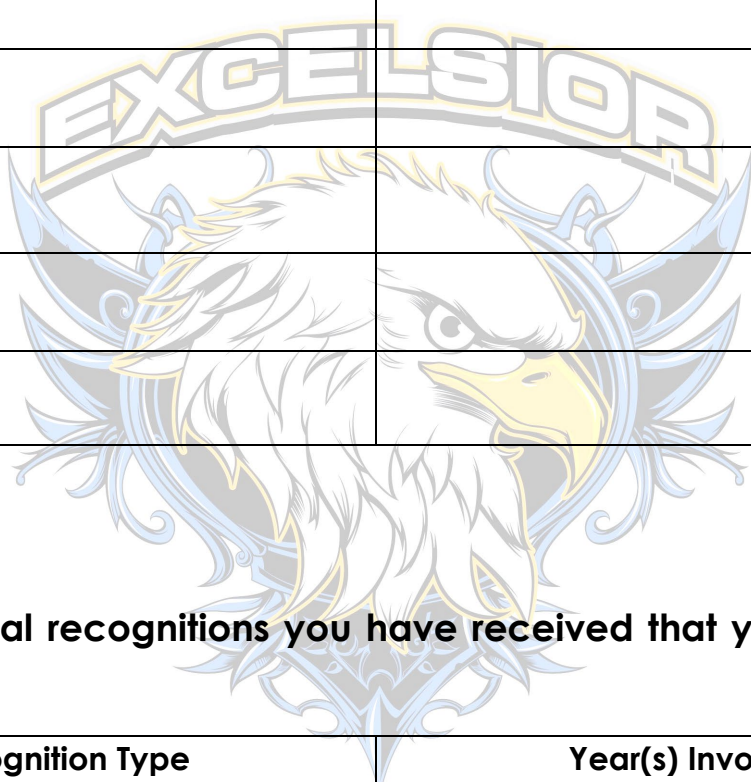
Mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____
<b><u>Name and address of institution you plan on attending during the 2025-2026 Fall Semester:</u></b>
Institution Name: _____
Address: _____



OFFICE USE ONLY: Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____ (On a 4.0 scale)
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List any clubs and/or activities you are currently or have been involved in that you would like to share:

Activity/Community/Club/Sports Name	Year(s) Involved



List any special recognitions you have received that you would like to share:

Recognition Type	Year(s) Involved

## **12th Grade Essay Guideline Directions:**

**1. Choose a Topic** – Select a topic prompt from below that allows for thoughtful analysis and research.

**2. Write a Well-Structured Essay** – Your essay should be multi-paragraph, clearly organized, and follow MLA format for citations and structure.

**3. Use 3 Credible Sources** – All sources must be published within the last 5 years to ensure relevance and accuracy.

**4. Understanding Sources** –

a. Google is a search engine, not a source. Use it to find credible sources, but do not cite it.

b. Wikipedia is not an acceptable source for academic writing.

**5. Where to Find Strong Sources** – Use information from:

a. Government or academic websites (.gov or .edu)

b. Established news outlets (online or print)

c. Professional reference sites like Britannica

d. Interviews (Limit: One personal interview)

**6. Using Evidence Effectively** –

a. Integrate quotes and paraphrase information from your sources into your body paragraphs.

b. Explain how the evidence supports your argument—don't just insert quotes without analysis.

**7. Create a Proper Works Cited Page** –

a. The final page of your essay must list all sources in correct MLA format.

b. Ensure your in-text citations match your Works Cited entries.

**8. Follow the Rubric** – Carefully review the grading criteria to ensure your essay meets all expectations for content, organization, and proper citation.

**\*Tip: Strong essays go beyond summarizing sources—they analyze, connect ideas, and present a well-supported argument. Take your time, plan carefully, and produce your best work.**

### **Prompt Choices**

Write an essay responding to one of the following topics:

**1.)** What draws you to the subject(s) you are considering as your college major? Describe specific experiences—such as coursework, projects, research, internships, or personal challenges—that have shaped your interest. What skills or insights have you gained, and how do they connect to your future academic and career goals?

If you are undecided, reflect on an academic passion that excites you. How has this passion influenced your learning journey, and what fields of study might align with your interests? Provide clear examples that showcase your curiosity, dedication, and aspirations.

Finally, how will this scholarship support your journey? Be specific about how financial assistance will help you access opportunities, further your education, and bring you closer to making a meaningful difference in your field.

**2.)** What impact do you aspire to make in your chosen field or industry? Describe your long-term goals and the contributions you hope to achieve—whether through innovation, leadership, service, or advocacy. Reflect on the experiences, skills, and values that have shaped your aspirations.

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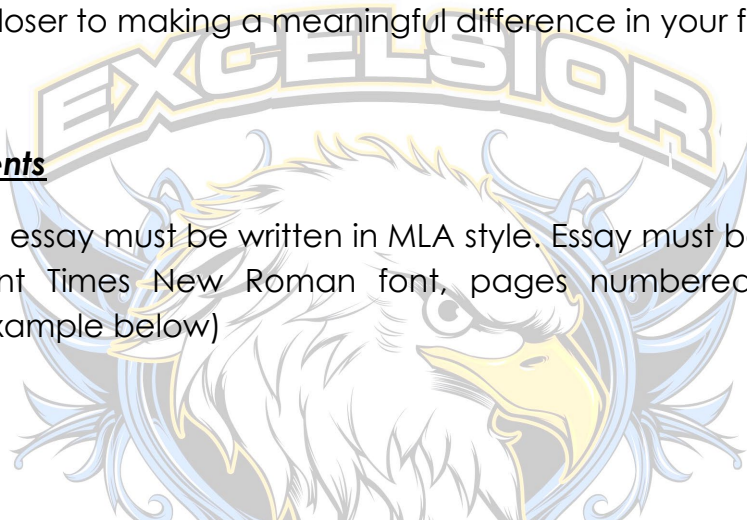
3.) Reflect on a controversial issue within your chosen career field. Clearly state your position on this issue and discuss how you plan to address it in your professional journey. Consider the potential challenges and ethical considerations involved in upholding your stance.

Additionally, present a counterargument to your position and explain how you intend to address and persuade others to adopt your perspective.

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### Essay requirements

Your scholarship essay must be written in MLA style. Essay must be typed, double spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font, pages numbered and one-inch margins. (See example below)

A diagram illustrating MLA style formatting for a research paper. It shows a page with a 1-inch left margin, a 1-inch right margin, and a 1/2-inch top margin. The text is double-spaced. The author's name, "Jordan Conrad", is followed by "Professor Smith", "English 101", and "8 June 2009". The title, "How to Properly Use MLA Style for a Research Paper", is centered. The first line of the text is indented 1/2 inch. The page number "Conrad 1" is in the top right corner. A red box labeled "Double-space" is shown next to the text. A red line under the title is labeled "Centered Title". A red line under the first line of text is labeled "Indent 1/2\"/>

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Professor Smith  
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Centered Title

How to Properly Use MLA Style for a Research Paper

Indent 1/2"

MLA Style is a set of conventions and standards for writing put forth by the Modern Language Association. These standards allow for ease of communication between readers, similar to the way physicists or mathematicians use symbols to communicate information.

## 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. I understand that my failure to provide accurate information may be grounds for disqualification from the application process.

I hereby understand a plagiarized, AI generated, or off-topic essay will be grounds for disqualification from the scholarship process.

I hereby understand decisions made by the scholarship committee will be final.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Checklist**

\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Application

\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Essay

\_\_\_\_\_ List of Extracurriculars/Awards

**Email all items listed above to:**

**[Scholarshipapps@excelsior.com](mailto:Scholarshipapps@excelsior.com)**