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THE KELLY/STRUL  
EMERGING SCHOLARS  
PROGRAM



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## THE KELLY/STRUL EMERGING SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

The Kelly/Strul Emerging Scholars Program provides a comprehensive financial-aid package to academically talented, first-generation, low-income students which includes academic support and mentorship to help them graduate debt-free from Florida Atlantic University in four years or less.

Please note that the completion of this application does not guarantee acceptance into the program however, you will be among a pool of high achieving students, affording you the opportunity for consideration for the prestigious Kelly/Strul Emerging Scholars Program.

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### APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a First-Generation Student. A first-generation student is defined as a student whose parents/guardians did not complete a four-year degree.
- Be a first-time-in-college student admitted for the fall semester
- Complete a FAFSA application and display financial need. FAU's School Code is: 001481
- Commit to completing a minimum of 30 credits per year in order to graduate in four years or less.
- Commit to living on campus. This is a residential program.
- Participate in a personal interview.
- Commit to all program requirements including the 17-point pathway.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Submit a completed Kelly/Strul Emerging Scholars Program application.
- Submit an essay addressing your academic success and why you should be selected as an emerging scholar (refer to essay guidelines).
- Submit a short video addressing your academic success and why you should be selected as an emerging scholar (refer to guidelines).
- Submit three letters of reference that speak to your character, academics, or work you have done within the community.
- Submit signed checklist verifying all requirements have been met.

Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered. We strongly encourage you to review the guideline sheets.

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## THE KELLY/STRUL EMERGING SCHOLARS PROGRAM STUDENT ESSAY

### READ CAREFULLY:

In order to be eligible for the Kelly/Strul Emerging Scholars Program, students must meet all eligibility requirements. Each student applying for the program will be ranked and only a select few will be awarded this prestigious scholarship. Your eligibility score will be based on how well you follow instructions and the quality of your responses to the essay and video questions. Good Luck!

### ESSAYS MUST BE:

- Typed in Times New Roman font
- 12-point Font, Double Spaced
- 1-inch Margins
- No more than 1000 words
- Include a header with your: Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

Essays are used to determine communication skills. Your responses should be clear and concise, and free of grammatical and spelling errors.

Program: Please answer all three questions in a **500 word response**.

1. In your perspective, what does it mean to be an “emerging scholar?”
2. Based on the Kelly/Strul Emerging Scholars program description, what characteristics do you have that makes you a good candidate?
3. If selected for the program, what steps will you take to challenge yourself as a scholar and as a leader at FAU or in the community?

Personal: Please select **two** of the prompts below and respond to each in a **minimum of 250 words**.

- Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a moment of revelation or personal growth in yourself and/or others.
- If time and money were not an issue I...
- Describe a time or moment where something or someone was impacted because of your leadership.
- Describe your dream job or ultimate career aspiration upon completing your degree.

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## THE KELLY/STRUL EMERGING SCHOLARS PROGRAM VIDEO GUIDE

### VIDEOS MUST BE:

- No longer than 3 minutes.
- No background music or voice overs.
- Make sure your background is neat and free from distractions.
- Include a brief introduction (including first and last name, high school, career aspirations and fun facts about yourself).
- Dress appropriately. First-impressions are lasting impressions!
- When submitting your video, only submit the link/URL to the video from your preferred video hosting service.
- Make sure your video privacy settings are set to the level that allows viewing without passwords or login requirements.

### VIDEOS QUESTIONS:

Videos are also used to determine communication skills. We recommend formulating clear and concise responses with good eye contact throughout.

1. Tell us about a time when you faced a challenge.
2. How did you respond or deal with the challenge?
3. What lessons did you learn from this challenge?

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This form and supporting application materials should be submitted no later than

**February 1, 2020**

for best consideration.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Student "Z" Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your intended major? \_\_\_\_\_

Did your High School provide AP honors, dual enrollment, or other advanced courses? Yes No

Have you applied for FAFSA? Yes No Do you need assistance? Yes No

Have you applied or intend to apply for the Fall semester? Applied Intend to apply

Please provide the URL of your application video: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1 Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Phone) (Email)

Parent/Guardian 2 Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Phone) (Email)

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This worksheet must be completed for the consideration of the Kelly/Strul Scholarship

<b>The following most recent documents are needed where applicable. If not applicable, please enter "N/A"</b>	<b>Student</b> <i>List in whole dollars</i>	<b>Parent(s)/Guardian(s)</b> <i>List in whole dollars</i>
<b>Amount in Savings Bonds and Trusts</b> <i>Sources can be listed as an inheritance, or in trust (IT).                      Use your most recent statement.</i>		
<b>Bank Statement</b> <i>checking, savings, Roth, IRA, CD's, 2018</i>		
<b>Mortgage Statement</b> <i>Amount owed on the home that you live in. Use your most recent mortgage statement.</i>		
<b>Estimated value of other property owned</b>		
<b>Does the applicant own a vehicle?</b> <i>If yes, provide make and model.</i>		
<b>Small Business Assets as of 2019</b> <i>Provide net value. If there are more than 50 employees please provide a separate letter of explanation.</i>		
<b>Net Income of Parent or Parent(s) as of year 2019</b> <i>Please list both parents separately.                      If single, please list one income.                      If separated within the tax year, both incomes should be listed.</i>		
<b>Total current value of the parents/guardians retirement plan</b>		
<b>Current Net Value of all stocks and bonds for tax year 2019</b>		
<b>Marital Status</b> <i>Single, Married, Partner, Separated, Divorced, Widowed</i>		
<b>Are you currently part of a foster care program?</b>		
<b>Have you been legally emancipated and declared independent?</b>		
<b>Are you homeless?</b>		
<b>Are you a recipient of Florida Pre-Paid?</b>		

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**MEDIA RELEASE**

I hereby authorize Florida Atlantic University (University) and those acting pursuant to its authority to: (i) record my likeness and/or voice on a video, audio, photographic, digital, electronic or any other medium; (ii) use my name and biographical material in connection with such recordings; and (iii) use, reproduce, exhibit, and/or distribute my name, biographical material, and such recordings in any medium (e.g., print publications, video, internet, etc.) for promotional, advertising, educational, and/or other lawful purposes. I release and waive any claims or rights of compensation or ownership regarding such uses and understand that all such recordings shall remain the property of the University. I certify that I am 18 years of age or older or that my parent/guardian has signed below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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By submitting this application, I agree to give the Office of Student Financial Aid (including but not limited to, its committee members) permission to discuss the Kelly/Strul Emerging Scholars scholarship all confidential matters pertaining to my financial aid application and eligibility for any additional aid. I understand that the release of the information is necessary to be considered for the Kelly/Strul Emerging Scholars program. I further understand that this information is maintained by the university and is kept confidentially.

I certify that I have read and understand the requirements for participation in this program. The information I am supplying in this application is true, complete and correct. To the best of my knowledge and belief, I am eligible for this program. NOTE: If you purposely provide false information, you may be required to pay back all received scholarship funds and subject to fine, or imprisonment, or both under 837.06, F. S.

In addition, I understand that the university reserves the right to revoke a financial aid award at any time if it is discovered that information has been falsified in any way.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date