# Clarkston Scholars Program
## 2017 Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

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The following are answers to frequently asked questions for those applying to the Clarkston Scholars Program:

### How will I know my materials have been received?

Applicants will receive an email notification once all materials have been received.

### When will I know if I was selected for the award?

Select applicants may be asked to participate in an in-person interview with a Clarkston Consulting representative in late January. An award recipient will be selected and notified by March 1, 2017, at which time all other applicants will also be notified.

### How will an applicant be selected?

A selection panel from Clarkston Consulting and Clarkston's Executive Network will review all applications. The selection of this year's scholarship recipient will be based on each applicant's general application content (10%), academic performance (20%), response to essay #1 (25%), response to essay #2 (25%), and letter of recommendation (20%).

### What is the value of the scholarship?

The total monetary value of the scholarship is $10,000. The recipient will receive $5,000 during the first semester of their junior year, and $5,000 during the first semester of their senior year. Receiving the scholarship each semester is contingent upon the recipient adhering to the GPA eligibility requirements set forth in the scholarship requirements. The Clarkston Scholar will also receive unique networking opportunities with life science industry experts, and Clarkston leadership.

### What are the expectations of the Clarkston Scholarship recipient?

The Clarkston Scholars Program recipient is expected to maintain a GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher during the scholarship award period and participate in select Life Sciences Pennsylvania (LSPA) and Clarkston Consulting sponsored activities. In addition, the recipient is expected to be available on March 9, 2017 for the scholarship award ceremony.

### What are the eligibility criteria for the Clarkston Scholars Program?

Please see the Eligibility Requirements & Application Instructions document located on the Clarkston Scholars Program homepage.

### What types of exposure to the life sciences industry will be available through this Scholarship?

During the scholarship award phase, the recipient will be asked to attend events organized by LSPA and Clarkston Consulting. Examples of these events include industry gatherings, life science conferences, expert-led discussions and net-working socials. In addition, members of the Clarkston Consulting leadership team will be available to provide mentoring and guidance.

### If I'm enrolled in a five or six-year program (e.g., Pharmacy) am I still eligible to apply?

Yes. The applicant must apply during their second year of entering college.

### If I'm currently enrolled in a two-year program, am I eligible to apply?

Applicants who plan on pursuing a college degree after the two-year program commences are encouraged to apply. Students who plan to enter their professional careers after the two-year program are not eligible at this time.

### Can I include additional letters of recommendation with my application?

Only one letter of recommendation will be reviewed as part of your application.

### Can recommendations and transcripts be submitted separately?

If the writer of the recommendation prefers to submit the recommendation directly, they may email the recommendation on your behalf. Please ensure that your name and school are included in recommendation and transcript submissions. If your recommendation letter or transcript will be submitted by another individual on your behalf, please note this in your application.

### Does the Clarkston Scholars Program include an internship?

There is no internship element planned as part of the Clarkston Scholarship Program, however, there may be potential for more involvement with either Clarkston Consulting or LSPA depending on availability at that time.

### What if I'm having problems accessing or populating the electronic application?

The application must be filled out electronically using Acrobat® Reader®. The latest version is available for download from the **Adobe website**.