

# ELON UNIVERSITY

## Watson and Odyssey Programs Application

This application is due **February 10**. The Scholarship Committee will consider an application for all scholarships for which the student is eligible. For a complete list of scholarships, please review this booklet or visit [www.elon.edu/watson\\_odyssey](http://www.elon.edu/watson_odyssey).



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Mr./Ms. First Middle Last

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Address

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City County State ZIP Country

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Home telephone Cell phone

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Date of birth (mm/dd/yy) Place of birth (City/State/Country)

If you are a North Carolina resident, how long have you resided in the state? \_\_\_ years \_\_\_ months

Will you be a first-generation college student?  Yes  No

Colleges and universities are asked by many sources, including the federal government, to describe the racial/ethnic backgrounds of our students and employees. In order to respond to these requests, we ask that you answer the following two questions (your response is optional):

Do you consider yourself Hispanic/Latino?  Yes  No

In addition, select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself:

- American Indian or Alaska Native  Asian  Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander  White

If you wish to describe yourself as another racial category, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Race and ethnicity unknown

Are you a U.S. citizen?  Yes  No If no, country(ies) of citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

If not a U.S. citizen, are you a U.S. permanent resident?  Yes  No If yes, card number (required) \_\_\_\_\_

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High school CEEB Code Years attended

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Guidance counselor name Guidance counselor phone

The Scholarship Committee will use your freshman application as a resource for your honors, awards, record of service, leadership and work. If there is additional information you would like the committee to consider, please attach an updated resume or specific information about a recent accomplishment.

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**REQUIRED ESSAY (250-500 words)**

Please attach your typed response.

1. Tell us your personal story.

The Scholarship Committee is not looking for an autobiography, but a thoughtful reflection on a defining experience, obstacle or challenge in your life – something that has helped shape you into the person you are today. Looking ahead, who do you want to be? What role do you think an Elon education will play in your life journey?

**OPTIONAL STATEMENT**

Are there financial circumstances you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider (in addition to your FAFSA and CSS PROFILE information) when evaluating your application for these need-based scholarships?

**Complete the required essay and return the application, essay and recommendation form, all of which must be postmarked on or before February 10 to:**

Watson and Odyssey Application  
Office of Admissions  
2700 Campus Box  
Elon, NC 27244

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Barr, assistant dean of admissions, at 800-334-8448 or cbarr@elon.edu.

Elon University is authorized to release information to the news media concerning my achievements.  Agree  Disagree

I certify that all information given in this application is complete and accurate.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The university does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, disability, sexual orientation, or veteran's status in the recruitment and admission of students, the recruitment and employment of faculty and staff, or the operation of any of its programs. Students with documented disabilities may request in writing reasonable special services and accommodations. Questions should be directed to Ms. Susan E. Wise, Coordinator of Disability Services, Duke 108, 336-278-6500. The university's Section 504 coordinator for students and the Title IX coordinator is Ms. Jana Lynn Patterson, Moseley 206, 336-278-7200. The university's Section 504 coordinator for applicants and current employees is Mr. Ronald Klepcyk, 314 W. Haggard Ave., 336-278-5560.

In accordance with the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, complete information regarding campus security policies and programs and campus crime statistics is available upon request from the Director of University Relations, 2030 Campus Box. Information regarding completion and graduation rates may be obtained from the Office of Admissions or at www.elon.edu/irweb.

# The Watson and Odyssey Programs Recommendation Form

**Due February 10**

**To be completed by the student** (please print):

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Student's name	First	Middle	Last
Street address	City		State ZIP

I recognize the confidential nature of this document and \_\_\_ I do \_\_\_ I do not waive my right to access this form.

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Student's signature

**To be completed by the person making the recommendation** (please print):

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Your name	Email address
( )	( )
Daytime telephone	FAX

How do you know this student? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

The ideal candidate for The Watson and Odyssey Programs is a student who is poised to take advantage of an Elon education but for whom this possibility might not be an option for financial reasons. He or she will have good preparation for college but even stronger academic potential. With Elon's emphasis on engaged learning, the recipient should be interested in extending his or her education beyond the classroom through significant involvement in the Elon Experiences: study abroad, research, internship, service and leadership. This student should be of good character and willing to become part of an academic community whose mission is to offer students a holistic and transformative educational experience. The student should be ready to become a true academic citizen of Elon University, one whose highest purpose is to give first attention to learning and reflection, developing intellectually, connecting knowledge and experiences, and upholding Elon's Honor Code ([www.elon.edu/honor](http://www.elon.edu/honor)).

In addition, the selection process will give preference to the students who meet as many as possible of the following criteria:

- Are the first members of their family to attend college
- Either because of personal circumstances or the socioeconomic climate of their community have not had the opportunity for enriching educational or personal experiences
- Have achieved success despite hardship or unusual challenge
- Will bring cultural or socioeconomic diversity to the university
- Exhibit excellent potential to benefit from an Elon education.

Based on these criteria and your knowledge of the candidate, how would you rate the candidate's qualifications?

- Is one of the most deserving students I have known/worked with in my career
- Very deserving (meets a majority of the qualifications)
- Deserving (meets a limited number of qualifications)

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Based on your knowledge of the candidate, how would you rate the candidate's qualifications in the following categories:

**Service**

- Is one of the most deserving students I have known/worked with in my career
- Very deserving (meets a majority of the qualifications)
- Deserving (meets a limited number of qualifications)

**Leadership**

- Is one of the most deserving students I have known/worked with in my career
- Very deserving (meets a majority of the qualifications)
- Deserving (meets a limited number of qualifications)

**Social Activism**

- Is one of the most deserving students I have known/worked with in my career
- Very deserving (meets a majority of the qualifications)
- Deserving (meets a limited number of qualifications)

Please explain by typing your responses to the following questions in an attached document.

1. What have you witnessed or learned about the student's experience that makes him/her a valuable candidate for the Watson or Odyssey Program?
2. Describe the community in which this student resides, primary occupations of residents and general sources of income, standards of living, opportunities for cultural and educational exposure, etc. How will the success of this student in college impact the community in which the student was raised?
3. Please add any other information you would like Elon to consider in evaluating this student's application for university scholarships.

**Submit this form in an envelope signed across the sealed flap and return it to the student to mail to Watson and Odyssey Programs Application, 2700 Campus Box, Elon, NC 27244 on or before **February 10**.**

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*Your Signature*

*Date*

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