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The Susan Scholarship is the most distinguished new scholarship at Elon University. Established in 2007, this need-based scholarship is for young women of potential whose personal financial circumstances would otherwise make an Elon education inaccessible. Two $12,000 scholarships will be awarded for freshmen enrolling fall 2008. In addition, each recipient will be awarded a $4,000 Elon Experiences grant to use for one of Elon’s signature programs in research, study abroad, internships, service or leadership.

The ideal candidate will be a young woman who is poised to take advantage of an Elon education, but for whom this possibility is only a dream. The Susan Scholarship candidate 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 her education beyond the classroom through significant involvement in the Elon Experiences. She will be a young woman of good character and one who is willing to become part of an academic community whose mission is to offer students a holistic and transformative educational experience. She is a student who is 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.

SELECTION CRITERIA
To qualify for selection, students must demonstrate significant financial need (with preference to Pell-eligible students) and have a strong record of academic progress, leadership and involvement in school, church or community organizations or through a work experience.

In addition to the information included in the application, scholarship evaluation will include:
• the high school transcript
• standardized test scores
• demonstrated financial need
• the Recommendation Form
• an interview
Scholarship recipients will be notified in early April.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARD The $12,000 scholarship will be part of a financial aid package that may include other scholarships, grants, loans and need-based aid. The goal will be to meet up to the student’s full documented financial need; however, the total of all awards may not exceed the cost of attendance. The scholarship also includes a $4,000 Elon Experiences grant to help underwrite the cost of one study abroad experience or expenses associated with a university-approved internship, leadership experience, undergraduate research or service project. Students who receive study abroad grants through different Elon scholarship programs will have the option to redeem either the Elon Experience grant affiliated with The Susan Scholarship or the study abroad grant affiliated with another scholarship program. Students may not redeem both. The Susan Scholarship is renewable annually for up to three additional years provided eligibility requirements are met.

FRESHMAN ADMISSION APPLICATION DEADLINES
November 1 – Early Decision
November 10 – Early Action
January 10 – Final Application Deadline

THE SUSAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE – February 8

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR STUDENTS Complete the Elon University Application for Freshman Admission and submit all supporting documents (official high school transcript, SAT or ACT scores, personal statement and completed Counselor Evaluation Form). Please note that the final application deadline is earlier than The Susan Scholarship application deadline.

Complete the enclosed scholarship application and thoughtfully respond to the essay questions. Ask your guidance counselor, teacher, or a member of your community to complete the enclosed Recommendation Form (no relatives please).

Mail your application, essay and recommendation form in one package to:
Elon University Office of Admissions
The Susan Scholarship
2700 Campus Box
Elon, NC 27244

You must complete the federal FAFSA form, which you can get from your high school guidance office or online (www.fafsa.ed.gov). This is a separate form and should not be submitted with The Susan Scholarship application. Elon also requires the CSS PROFILE, available at profileonline.collegeboard.com, and the Elon Aid Application, available online at www.elon.edu/finaid.

So that we may process scholarship applications in a timely manner, you should complete and submit these financial aid forms separately by February 15. Once Elon receives the results from the processors, your Susan Scholarship application will be reviewed. Candidates will be notified in early April.
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RECOMMENDATION FORM

To be completed by the student:

Student’s name __________________________________________________________

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

Student’s signature __________________________________ Date_______________________

To be completed by the person making the recommendation:

Your name _____________ E-mail address ______________

Day time telephone ( ) ___________________________ FAX ( ) ____________________________

How do you know the applicant? __________________________________________________

How long have you known the applicant? ___________________________________________

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Specifically to be eligible for this scholarship, a student must:

- be eligible for admission to the university and academically prepared to meet the rigor of Elon’s curriculum;
- exemplify those qualities that Elon values: scholarship, leadership, service and a commitment to education. Students should demonstrate involvement and leadership in high school, church, community, sports, fine arts activities or in work experiences. Local or regional recognition, honors or awards will also be an asset in the application review;
- have significant financial need as determined by the FAFSA (preferably Pell-eligible). (Certification of financial need will be determined by the Elon University Office of Financial Planning.)

Based on these criteria, how would you rate the candidate’s qualifications?

☐ Deserving (meets a limited number of qualifications)

☐ Very deserving (meets a majority of the requirements)

☐ Is one of the most deserving students I have worked with in my career

Recommendation continued on back
Please explain by answering the following questions:

1. You have read the description of the young woman this scholarship is designed to support. Tell us what impresses you the most about this applicant. What are the qualities that set her apart and predict a successful college experience for her?

2. The Susan Scholarship seeks to acknowledge the particular achievements of young women whose life circumstances do not make them the typical candidate for an Elon education. Perhaps they are first-generation college students. They may not have family resources to dedicate to higher education. While it is the University’s responsibility to determine actual financial need, are you aware of circumstances that this young woman has faced that make an Elon education a transformative opportunity?

3. Describe the community in which this student resides—primary occupation of residents and general sources of income, standard of living, opportunities for cultural and educational exposure, etc.

Please add any other information you would like for Elon to consider in evaluating this student’s application for The Susan Scholarship. We welcome personal telephone conversations as well. Feel free to contact Cindy Barr, assistant dean of admissions, at 336-278-7675 or via e-mail at cbarr@elon.edu. Application deadline: February 8.

Please submit this form in an envelope signed across the sealed flap and return it to the student to mail to Elon.

Your signature_____________________________________________________ Date _____________________________________

In view of the Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, it is the policy of Elon University to destroy all evaluations used in the scholarship decision process as soon as the final decision is made and no later than the day before the student registers.
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Application for Students Enrolling Fall 2008

Application Deadline: February 8

Full name

Address

City or town ___________________________  County___________________________  State_______   Zip _____________

Home telephone (______) _______________________________    cell phone (_______) __________________________________

E-mail address  ______________________________________ Social Security Number______________________________________

Date of birth_______________________________________________   place of birth _____________________________________

Are you the first in your family to go to college?    ___Yes   ___No

Select the ethnic group with which you identify (optional):

___African American/Black               ___ Asian                ___Asian/American           ___Biracial/Multiracial ___caucasian/White

___Hispanic/Latino (specify)____________________       ___native American      other _________________________________

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) _________________________

Personal Essays (Both are required):

1. Tell us your personal story. We are not looking for an autobiography, but an essay of your reflections on an experience or life lesson that has helped shape you into the person you are. Looking ahead, who is the woman you want to be? What role do you think an Elon education will play in this life journey?

2. Who do you believe to be the most influential woman in history and why is she your choice?

Additional Information (Optional)

Are there financial circumstances that you would like the selection committee to consider in evaluating your application for The Susan Scholarship?

Elon University is authorized to release information to the news media concerning my achievements. I certify that all information given in this application is complete and accurate.

Signature __________________________________________________________Date ____________________________________

Elon University does not discriminate with regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national or ethnic origin, veteran status or disability 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. Priscilla Lipe, disability services coordinator, Duke 108H, (336) 278-6500. The university's Section 504 coordinator for students and 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 the spirit of the Elon University Mission Statement, Elon University regards discrimination against gay and lesbian members of the university community as inconsistent with its goal of providing an atmosphere of mutual respect in which students, faculty and staff may learn, work and live. 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.