The Stamps Scholars Program at Elizabethtown College

The Stamps Scholars Program supports a select group of Elizabethtown College students who have been awarded a four-year full tuition scholarship on the basis of their potential as future national leaders. The Program exists to provide Stamps scholars with an enriched undergraduate experience aimed at developing scholars’ skills in four domains: creativity, leadership, scholarship, and service.

Creativity
Stamps scholars are naturally intellectually curious, and the program will encourage scholars to explore a variety of experiences, challenge themselves, take risks, and discover their own strengths, both in their curricular and co-curricular experiences.

Leadership
Stamps scholars are poised to become the leaders of tomorrow. Scholars will participate in Elizabethtown’s signature leadership development program, Called to Lead. Scholars will network with leaders from among Elizabethtown College faculty and/or alumni, and have the opportunity to attend leadership development seminars.

Scholarship
Stamps scholars are high achievers, and they are expected to be outstanding scholars at the undergraduate level. In addition to excelling in the classroom, scholars will conduct independent artistic and/or scholarly work. They are encouraged to share their work at professional conferences and compete for national fellowships.

Service
Stamps scholars are expected to use their creative abilities, leadership skills, and scholarly knowledge to benefit the greater good. Scholars will work in collaboration with organizations in the community to create positive change.

What does it mean to be a Stamps scholar?

Stamps scholars are expected to excel academically, participate in service activities, and become leaders on campus. Scholars are expected to be active participants in the program, fully engaging in enrichment experiences and seeking out opportunities to design their own experiences to enhance their education at Elizabethtown.

Enrichment fund
Scholars must be in good standing with the program to access their enrichment fund. Enrichment funds will be administered by the Stamps director following requests made by the scholars. Scholars are expected to use some of their funds each year of their undergraduate experience.

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Stamps Scholars Program Activities

Stamps scholars will participate in regular events with the Stamps advisor and invited guests who will share their expertise on creativity, leadership, scholarship, and service. These events will range from informal discussions to formal presentations or workshops led by invited guests. Guests may include representatives from the study abroad office, career services, prestigious scholarships and fellowships, and faculty and alumni with professional expertise in related areas.

Stamps scholars will be invited to special social and networking events designed to bring them into conversation with leaders on campus and in the community, enabling them to learn from and network with potential mentors. For example, in the past, Elizabethtown students have had the opportunity to have lunch with eminent visitors to campus such as Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee. Scholars will also attend national conferences such as the National Collegiate Honors Council conference and exclusive Stamps Scholars national conventions where they can network with talented students from across the country.

Scholars will enroll in Elizabethtown’s signature leadership development program, Called to Lead. Through this program, scholars will be exposed to a variety of perspectives on leadership, practice their own leadership skills, and reflect on leadership experiences. One of the perks of this program is attendance at “What Matters to Me and Why Dinners,” events that feature prominent members of the campus community reflecting on their values and purposeful life work.

Stamps scholars will propose and conduct an independent project using their enrichment funds, likely during their third and fourth years in the program. The project may be conducted in conjunction with a study-abroad experience, summer research internship, or community-based action research. Scholars are expected to present the findings of their work upon its completion. For example, while at Elizabethtown, one student started her own snack food business that later was featured on the Rachael Ray Show.

Throughout all four years, scholars will maintain a portfolio that documents their development and achievements in the program with regard to creativity, leadership, scholarship, and service. Scholars will create annual goals, articulate outcomes, and reflect on their progress toward those goals. The portfolio will also include the scholar’s proposals to use enrichment funds, a reflection on their experience conducting their independent project, the Called to Lead capstone, and a record of scholarly presentations given.

Proposed Timeline of Stamps Program Activities

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