



Scripps College Academy Scholars 2015

APPLICATION & INFORMATION

Scripps College, ranked one of the best colleges in America, is pleased to offer an enriching educational opportunity for young women through the Scripps College Academy (SCA) Scholars program.

SCA Scholars

SCA Scholars is a multi-year, intensive pre-college program for female students from the greater Los Angeles area and the Inland Empire. Through mentorship from Scripps College faculty and staff, participants develop the confidence and skills to be well-prepared college applicants, successful college students, and professionals who create positive, lasting change.

Summer Program

Students admitted to the SCA Scholars program begin by attending the two-week Summer Program which provides the opportunity to experience what it is like to live and study at a private, liberal arts college.

Students enhance their studies by exploring issues of race, class and gender through a variety of academic subjects. Participants develop their writing, critical analysis, discussion and presentation skills under the mentorship of Scripps College professors. The academic program is designed to challenge the ways students think about their world and encourage them to become leaders and college-bound scholars. In addition to the academic program, participants attend fun and informative workshops, fieldtrips, and recreational athletic or art activities.

*The 2015 Summer Program will be held **Sunday, June 14 – Saturday, June 27, 2015**. Students are required to live on campus for the full duration of the summer program.*

Year-Round Activities

Following the Summer Program, SCA Scholars receive academic resources and mentorship throughout high school. Students attend weekend events on the Scripps College campus including book clubs, science research opportunities, SAT preparation classes, workshops and fieldtrips. As seniors, SCA Scholars receive personalized assistance in the college application process. Transportation assistance is provided from select locations in the greater Los Angeles area. See page 4 of the application for more information.

Cost

There is no cost for participation in the Scripps College Academy; Scripps College and program sponsors cover all expenses.

Contact Us

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Email: SCA@scrippscollege.edu

More information about SCA Scholars, the application, and other Scripps College Academy programs is available on our website. www.scrippscollege.edu/academy

Eligibility

Young women who are currently in the ninth or tenth grade and live in the greater Los Angeles and Inland Empire area are invited to apply. The SCA Scholars program seeks to serve students who demonstrate high levels of academic achievement and motivation, but may lack the resources in their home, school, or community to fully prepare for admission to top colleges and universities.

Students are **eligible** to be considered for the SCA Scholars program if they meet **ONE** or more of the following criteria:

- Qualify for free or reduced price lunch, or otherwise demonstrate financial need
- Will be the first generation in their family to attend college
- Attend a Title 1 school

See page 1 of the application for more information.

Selection Criteria

Applicants should be highly-motivated students seeking a challenging and fun academic experience. Evaluation of applicants is based on:

- Academic performance: While there is no minimum GPA requirement, the selection committee seeks students with grades of A and/or B in core subjects
- Essays: Applicants must demonstrate strong writing and critical thinking skills
- Recommendation(s)
- Extracurricular activities and community engagement
- Demonstrated commitment to completing the multi-year SCA Scholars program as outlined in the application

Application Checklist

Include the following items with your submission:

- Completed Student Application Form** (Pages 1-4)
- Official High School Transcript** (See page 1)
 - Must include all grades and classes from high school, including fall 2014.
- Essays** (See page 3)
- Recommendation(s)** (Pages 5-6)
 - The Academic Recommendation is required and must be completed by a high school teacher. The Personal Recommendation is optional.

Application Deadline

Applications for the 2015 SCA Scholars cohort must be **postmarked** no later than **Saturday, March 14, 2015**. Mail all forms, in one envelope, directly to the address noted below. Please keep a copy of all documents for your records. SCA will confirm receipt of applications via email. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Scripps College Academy
1030 Columbia Avenue, Box #1235
Claremont, CA 91711



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Deadline: Saturday, March 14, 2015

Please type or write clearly and legibly

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

_____ City State ZIP Code

Home Phone: (____) _____

Student E-mail Address: _____
(All notifications will be sent to this address)

Student Cell Phone: (____) _____

Date of Birth: _____

High School Information

High School: _____ City: _____

Name of Counselor/Teacher(s) to Contact: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

Current Grade Level: 9th 10th Have you applied to SCA before? Yes No

GPA: _____ Please list your cumulative Grade Point Average, as noted in transcript.
All students must include an official high school transcript with their application.

Demographics

Ethnicity: (Check all that apply)

African American/Black
Please describe your background: _____

Asian/Asian-American/Pacific Islander
Please describe your background: _____

Hispanic/Latina/Chicana
Please describe your background: _____

I choose not to report

Native American/American Indian
Please describe your background: _____

White/Non-Hispanic
Please describe your background: _____

Other
Please describe your background: _____

Your first language (if other than English): _____

Primary language(s) spoken at home: _____

Eligibility

The Scripps College Academy Scholars program seeks to serve students who demonstrate high levels of academic achievement and motivation, but who have limited access to college preparatory resources. Students are **eligible** to be considered for the SCA Scholars program if they meet **ONE** or more of the following criteria. **Please check all that apply:**

- Qualify for free or reduced price lunch, or otherwise demonstrate financial need
- Will be the first generation in their family to attend college (no parent graduated with a 4-year college degree)
- Attend a Title 1 school (visit <http://academy.scrippscollege.edu/apply>) for a list of Title 1 schools)

Additional Information

How did you hear about the Scripps College Academy?

High School (Check all that apply): Teacher Counselor Scripps presentation

Non-Profit Organization (Specify/Describe): _____

Pre-College Program (Specify/Describe): _____

Media or Other (Specify/Describe): _____

Family Information

The Scripps College Academy would like to learn more about your family and personal background. This information helps us to get to know you better. All information will remain confidential.

Parent 1: Mother Father Unknown
Is Parent 1 living: Yes No (Year deceased: _____)

Parent 2: Mother Father Unknown
Is Parent 2 living: Yes No (Year deceased: _____)

Name: _____

Name: _____

Highest level of education completed:

- Did Not Complete High School
- High School Graduate/GED
- Some College
- 4-Year College Degree
- Advanced Degree (Master's, Ph.D.)
- Other: _____

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In what country was highest level of education completed?: _____

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Job title(s): _____

Job title(s): _____

Place(s) of employment: _____

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Parents' Marital Status (relative to each other):

- Never Married Married Widowed Separated Divorced (Year divorced: _____)

With whom do you make your permanent home?

- Both Parent 1 Parent 2 Legal Guardian/Other: _____

How many people, including yourself, currently live in your household? _____

Please list the members of your household in the chart below. Please include members of your household who are currently living away from home to attend college, serve in the military, or for other reasons. You may include this information in the Notes section and attach a separate page if more space is required.

Name	Age	Relationship	Notes
<i>Ex: David</i>	19	<i>Brother</i>	<i>In college, lives at UCLA for most of year</i>

Do you qualify for free or reduced price lunch at your school? Yes No I don't know

Do you have siblings who are attending college? Yes No Which college(s)? _____

Do you have siblings who have graduated from college? Yes No Which college(s)? _____

What is your family's annual household income? (check one)

- less than \$10,000
- \$70,000-\$89,999
- \$10,000-\$29,999
- \$90,000-\$100,000
- \$30,000-\$49,999
- more than \$100,000
- \$50,000-\$69,999

Do you have any relatives who have attended the Scripps College or any of the other Claremont Colleges?

Yes No If yes, please list their names and dates of attendance: _____

Do you have any relatives who work or have worked for Scripps College or any other of the Claremont Colleges?

Yes No If yes, please list their names, position and dates of employment: _____

Extracurricular Activities

The Scripps College Academy would like to learn more about your activities at school, home, and in your community. Please list your activities and involvements in the order of importance to you. Examples: school clubs, sports, pre-college programs, volunteer work, community service, jobs, responsibilities at home etc.

ACTIVITIES	POSITION(S) HELD (example: member, president, etc.)	DATES	HOURS PER WEEK	GRADE LEVEL			
				7	8	9	10
<i>Example: Lynwood High School Environmental Science Club</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Sept. 2012- present</i>	<i>2</i>			X	X

Are you part of any of the following college preparatory programs? If so, check all that apply.

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AVID
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Achievers
<input type="checkbox"/> Bright Prospect
<input type="checkbox"/> Cal-Soap
<input type="checkbox"/> College Bound
<input type="checkbox"/> COSMOS | <input type="checkbox"/> MESA
<input type="checkbox"/> MOSTE
<input type="checkbox"/> Pomona Partners
<input type="checkbox"/> Pomona PAYS
<input type="checkbox"/> Project Grad
<input type="checkbox"/> Puente | <input type="checkbox"/> Talent Search
<input type="checkbox"/> Upward Bound
<input type="checkbox"/> USC NAI
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Black Scholars
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
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Required Essays

Essay Prompt (Required): Please respond to the following question on a separate sheet. Responses should be typed, 500-700 words and 12-pt. font size.

The Scripps College Academy seeks applicants with a range of interests and experiences. Given your personal background, describe the qualities and accomplishments you would bring to the program.

Short Answer (Required): Please respond to the following question on a separate sheet. Responses should be typed, no more than 250 words and 12-pt. font size.

The Scripps College Academy is a unique and rigorous program. After reading the program description and expectations please explain why you would like to attend this program and how you would benefit from it.

Optional: Is there anything you would like us to know about you or your academic background that you have not had the opportunity to describe elsewhere in the application? If so, please describe on a separate sheet.

Program Expectations

The Scripps College Academy is committed to helping students achieve their academic goals. In order to best serve our students we have developed a challenging and interactive program that requires full participation and commitment from all participants. Please read the program description carefully and understand that all SCA Scholars are expected to follow through with all components of the program.

Summer Program

If admitted to the SCA Scholars Program, I (student) understand that I will attend the two-week residential program and live on the Scripps College campus from June 14 – June 27, 2015. I understand that students are required to live on campus for the full duration of the program. Further, I understand that it is my responsibility to make arrangements with my school in anticipation of any absences that may result from my participation.

Year-Round Activities

If admitted to the SCA Scholars Program, I (student) commit to actively participating in the SCA Scholars Program year-round throughout high school. Example activities and events include book clubs, science research opportunities, fieldtrips to museums and college fairs, writing workshops, and special events on the Scripps College campus. Grade-specific requirements for each year of participation in the program are stated below. I understand that most of these events will occur on weekends. Transportation assistance is provided from select locations in the LA area.

10th Grade (if applicable)

- Required participation in three (3) **Extracurricular Events** between **August and June** of sophomore year.

11th Grade

- Required participation in two (2) **Extracurricular Events** between **August and June** of junior year.
- Required participation in an **SAT/ACT** prep course. Students can register for SCA's free course or present proof of enrollment in a comparable course offered by student's school or community organization.

12th Grade

- Participation in **Extracurricular Events** is strongly encouraged, but not required.
- Required participation in **Senior College Application Workshop Series** which take place once a month during the fall semester of senior year.
- Required participation in **Financial Aid Workshop Series** which includes two (2) workshops during the fall semester and one (1) during early spring semester of senior year.
- Participation in **Senior Celebration Ceremony** held in the month of May.

Academic Performance in School

If admitted to the SCA Scholars Program, I (student) understand that I will be expected to maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA (unweighted) each semester. I will notify SCA staff any time I anticipate earning a grade lower than a B- or am finding a class to be especially challenging. I further understand that I am expected to send a copy of my report card or transcript to SCA staff at the end of each semester.

Signatures

We (student and parent/guardian) have thoroughly read the program description and expectations, and are committed to fulfilling all requirements and expectations if admitted to the SCA Scholars program.

I declare that the information I have submitted on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that all material presented in support of this application will be treated as confidential information by Scripps College.

X _____
Print Student's Name Date

X _____
Print Parent/Guardian's Name Date

X _____
Student's Signature Date

X _____
Parent/Guardian's Signature of Approval Date



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Academic Recommendation Form (Required)

To the Applicant

Please give this form to a teacher at your high school who knows you well and can speak to your academic achievements and potential. As a courtesy, we suggest that you give your recommender at least two weeks to complete the evaluation.

Name: _____

High School: _____ Current Grade Level: 9th 10th

To the Recommender

The Scripps College Academy is an academically intensive pre-college program for young women. Students attend a two-week residential program at Scripps College from June 14- June 27, 2015, followed by regular events throughout high school. Participants receive individual attention from Scripps College faculty, staff and undergraduate students who foster both academic and personal development. The Scripps College Academy receives more than three applications for each space in the program. This recommendation is a valuable part of our evaluation. All evaluations will remain confidential.

Name of Recommender: _____

School/Organization: _____ Title: _____

How long have you known applicant? _____

Evaluation

On a separate sheet of paper, please take some time to address the following questions in letter form:

- Describe specifically any personal traits, abilities or involvements that are especially noteworthy. How have these been demonstrated?
- Please describe the student's academic abilities and potential, specifically oral and written expression and classroom participation.
- In what ways do you feel the applicant will benefit most from participation in the Scripps College Academy? What do you think she will contribute most?

Ratings

Please place check marks at the points that represent your evaluation of the applicant in comparison with other students in her peer group. If you have no fair basis for judgment, do not hesitate to mark the appropriate column.

	Below Average	Average	Above Average/Good	Outstanding (top 10%)	One of the top few I have encountered in my career (top 1%)	No basis for judgment
Academic Abilities/Potential						
<i>Oral expression</i>						
<i>Written expression</i>						
<i>Classroom participation</i>						
Personal Qualities/Character						
<i>Motivation</i>						
<i>Social maturity</i>						
<i>Energy and initiative</i>						
<i>Reaction to setbacks</i>						
<i>Disciplined work habits</i>						

I recommend this student: With reservation Fairly strongly Strongly Enthusiastically

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this evaluation directly to the student applicant in a sealed and signed envelope.

Questions? Please feel free to contact us at (909) 607-0466 or sca@scrippscollege.edu.

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Personal Recommendation Form (Optional)

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