Serving Special Populations at UK

FIRST SCHOLARS

217 Funkhouser Building, 257-3532

www.uky.edu/UGE/FirstScholars

What are the main characteristics that describe the students you serve?

First Scholars is a holistic program for first generation students that provides academic, social and financial support. To be eligible for the program, first time, full time students must be Kentucky residents, possess at least a 3.3 unweighted high school GPA, have an ACT between 22-28, and demonstrate financial need. For our program, “first generation students” means neither parent has more than two years of college experience.

Are there specific expectations/requirements of students in your program/service area?

Twenty students are selected each year. Each cohort receives four years of financial assistance ($5,000 per year), a peer mentor in the first two years, a faculty mentor as a junior, an alumni mentor as a senior, and students must participate in a series of educational workshops, social activities and community service. Each year scholars sign a contract which outlines the expectations for that year.

Do you serve a specific population or are your services available to all students on campus?

Services are restricted to those students selected as First Scholars.

VETERANS

Room 10 Funkhouser Building

http://www.uky.edu/Veterans/newstudent.htm

What are the main characteristics that describe the students you serve?

Student veterans and dependents who are receiving GI Bill benefits.

Are there specific expectations/requirements of students in your program/service area?

Students are expected to apply for their benefits through the VA Regional Office in St. Louis. Once students secure approval from the VA for their education benefits, they need to see The VA representative every semester and fill out the request for benefit
form (available at http://www.uky.edu/Veterans/files/VAform.pdf) to certify enrollment to VA.

The VA will only pay for classes that fulfill degree requirements, so students need to work closely with their advisors to make sure that all their classes are meeting program requirements.

Do you serve a specific population or are your services available to all students on campus?

Service is specific to GI Bill recipients.

ROBINSON SCHOLARS

217 Funkhouser Building

257-0041

www.uky.edu/RobinsonScholars

What are the main characteristics that describe the students you serve?

Robinson Scholars are first generation students from these 29 eastern Kentucky counties: Bell, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Rockcastle, Whitley and Wolfe. Some selection preference is given to low income students, though participation in the program is not tied to income.

Are there specific expectations/requirements of students in your program/service area?

Students in the college program must maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA and must complete 20 hours of community service each semester. Upperclassmen are strongly encouraged to participate in internships aligned with their fields of study. Scholars are also encouraged to take leadership roles on campus and in their communities.

Do you serve a specific population or are your services available to all students on campus?

The college program serves Robinson Scholars. There is collaboration with other student groups, but the service charter is for Robinson Scholars.
What are the main characteristics that describe the students you serve?

Army ROTC seeks out scholars, athletes, and leaders who desire to serve their country and pursue a career as an Army officer on active duty, in the Army Reserves or National Guard. Army officers exemplify and live the Army values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage.

Are there specific expectations/requirements of students in your program/service area?

Full time student enrollment to participate in ROTC classes, 2.0 cum GPA or above, pass an Army physical fitness test, and be medically qualified.

Do you serve a specific population or are your services available to all students on campus?

Freshmen and sophomore level Army ROTC classes, leadership labs, and physical fitness classes are available to all full time undergraduate or graduate students and can be taken as electives for academic credit without any military obligation. The Army ROTC junior and senior level classes are only available to “contracted” ROTC Cadets who are pursuing an Army officer commission upon graduation.