**2012-2013 Leadership Scholars Application Cover Sheet**

Application Due: **March 23, 2012**

**Application Information**

Applicant’s Full Name: Date:

VIP ID: Email:

 Major:

Total Credit Hours:

GPA:

Proposed Project Title:

Community Advisor Contact Information (Email / Phone Number):

University Advisor Contact Information (Email / Phone Number):

**Proposal Summary**:

**Applicant Commitment:**

*I certify that all of the information on this application is filled out correctly and to the best of my ability. I am a current student at USC and will be for the 2012-2013 academic year. I understand that my project proposal is to be completed during the 2012-2013 academic year and resigning my position as a Leadership Scholar in any way will result in the forfeit of remaining project funds. I acknowledge the expectations of grant recipients and will fulfill these obligations if selected.*

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Applicant Signature Date

**Leadership Scholars Application**

Are you an undergraduate student at USC with an interest in leadership and a passion for change? Do you have a vision for a project that could benefit the university or Columbia community? The **Carolina Leadership Initiative** is soliciting applications for its 2012-2013 Leadership Scholars Program. Our scholars are committed to serving the university and the Columbia community by designing and organizing a significant project that will enable them to develop, practice, and hone their leadership skills. **Applications for the 2012-2013 Leadership Scholars Program are due March 23, 2012.**

**Details and Expectations:**

* Proposed projects should be performed throughout the 2012-2013 school year.
* Becoming a Leadership Scholar is a yearlong commitment. No replacements will be accepted in the event that a scholar cannot fulfill the entire commitment period.
* The scholarship program will provide up to $10,000 to support each project, with no more than $3,000 going towards student stipends or other personal expenses.
* Leadership Scholars must have two advisors; typically, one is from the Columbia community and one is a USC staff or faculty member.
* Leadership Scholars should be available to attend monthly meetings held on Mondays from 7-9pm during the 2012-2013 school year. Each meeting will include a presentation on some facet of leadership from a USC faculty member.
* Leadership Scholars will be expected to provide a mid-year progress report and a final written report to the Carolina Leadership Initiative as well as present on the results of their project at USC’s Discovery Day or at a comparable venue.
* The Carolina Leadership Initiative encourages creativity in project proposals. Ideas for proposals might arise from initiatives to enhance sustainability on campus, community service efforts, Honors senior projects, internships, sorority or fraternity activities, study abroad programs, etc. However, proposals that merely strengthen student organizations or assist them in existing activities are unlikely to be funded. Brief descriptions of current projects are available online: <http://www.sc.edu/provost/leadership/program/index.shtml>

**Evaluation Criteria:**

(1) The Carolina Leadership Initiative is committed to “Making a Difference for the Public Good.” Leadership Scholar Applications will be evaluated based on the potential for applicants to develop personal leadership skills or the leadership skills of others in an effort to advance this commitment. These skills include the following:

* Inspiring change
* Learning effective communication, professional, and interpersonal skills
* Recognizing personal and group strengths and opportunities for improvement
* Developing integrity and putting ethics into practice
* Valuing diversity and teamwork
* Promoting creativity and thoughtful risk-taking
* Developing strategic visions to benefit our communities

(2) Proposed projects should be well-designed and include the following elements:

* An effective mentoring plan
* Evidence of the project’s feasibility (taking into account the applicant’s prior experience and the plan for accomplishing the project in the time allotted)
* If appropriate, a plan for sustaining the project’s impact into the future once the Leadership Scholar is no longer involved

**Application Materials:**

Leadership Scholar applicants are strongly encouraged to attend an informal session before submitting an application (see the Carolina Leadership Initiative website for dates of these informal sessions: <http://www.sc.edu/provost/leadership/index.shtml>). The application itself should be completed in the following format:

* Completed application cover sheet
* Section 1 - An overview of the applicant’s past and future interest in leadership, including a description of any prior experiences that have prepared the applicant for successful leadership of the proposed project (approximately 1.5 pages)
* Section 2 - A thorough description of the proposed project, including the roles of the university and community advisors and careful attention to how it will meet the evaluation criteria (approximately 2 pages)
* Section 3 - A proposed project budget (see attached sample budget)
* Section 4 - Brief letters to confirm involvement in the proposed project from the applicant’s community advisor and university advisor, as well as confirmation that any outside entities involved in the project support it
* Section 5 - Applicants will need a letter of recommendation from someone who can speak to their ability to lead the proposed project. If possible, the letter should be written by someone other than the proposed project advisors.
* Section 6 - Applicants must submit an unofficial transcript with their application materials.

**For further information:** Please contact Sarah Johnston, Graduate Assistant for the Carolina Leadership Initiative, at johnstsa@email.sc.edu.

Applications may be submitted in person at the Carolina Leadership Initiative Office, Preston College, Room 105.

The University of South Carolina is an equal opportunity institution.

**Sample Budget**

**Project Title:** Crafts for Hope: Handmade Jewelry for Cancer Patients

Given that the goal of the project is to make 2000 pairs of earrings (4000 single earrings) in two initial kits, the budget was made based on the creation of 3500 earring pairs (7000 singe earrings) to allow for earring kit replenishment throughout the year.

**Total**

**$4,000.00**

($ 100.00 per)

$200.00 total

**Semester Stipend**

* A per- semester personal stipend will cover fuel costs from transportation throughout the year to meet with hospital staff as well as to disseminate earrings [Note: stipend could also cover hours spent working on the project]

$ 50.00

**3000 Inspiration Cards**

* The inspiration cards are essentially business cards with inspirational messages printed on the back. These cards will also have some blank space on the back to allow students to write personal messages of hope as well.

$ 80.00

**Bead Carrying Case Rolling Cart** (to carry supplies to campus events)

* This item is slightly expensive but is much more affordable than purchasing

The cart separately from the trays.

$2,100.00

$1,040.00

$ 150.00

$ 200.00

$ 150.00

$ 30.00

**Beading Supplies**

Beads

* This estimate is based on the order of at least 21,000 beads to allow for an

average of 3 beads per earring (6 beads per earring pair). The $2,100.00

allocation allows for the purchase of 21,000 beads at an average of $0.10 per

bead. This per-unit bead cost allows for the purchase of the more expensive

Class 3 earring pair beads.

Beads Hardware (Shepherd’s Hooks, Wire, Headpins, Earring Backs, etc.)

2400 Plastic Baggies for Class 1 Earring Pair Packaging

750 Paper Jewelry Boxes for Class 2 Earring Pair Packaging

350 Jewelry Pouches for Class 3 Earring Pair Packaging

Beading tools (25 three-in-one tools for students to make earrings at campus events)

**Item:**  **Cost:**