

# BE THE FIRST

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Being the first in your family to go to college is a great opportunity and you want to make the most of it.



**FIRST SCHOLARS** empowers students to make the most of their college experience and prepare for life beyond graduation. Our program delivers multiple levels of support, including a full-time program coordinator and peer mentors to help First Scholars address the unique challenges first-gen students face.

### HOW TO APPLY

1. Apply to and be admitted to the University of Memphis. Must be a first-generation student, meaning each parent has no more than two years of education beyond high school and no post-secondary degree.
2. Complete the First Scholars application by February 1st (must be admitted to the UofM before applying).
3. Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) by February 1.
4. Complete the Student Strengths Inventory (SSI), a non-academic assessment of your potential for success. Access to the assessment will open for students who advance in the selection process following February 1st deadline.

### BENEFITS

1. An annual \$5,000 renewable scholarship (max. \$20,000) as long as program requirements are met.
2. One-on-one coaching to help achieve personal goals.
3. Opportunities to develop leadership skills and get involved on campus.
4. Mentors who include peers, faculty and alumni.
5. A built-in network of other students who know what it's like to be first!
6. Special workshops including social activities and service opportunities.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
FEBRUARY 1, 2020**

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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### ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be first-time, full-time freshmen, be U.S. citizens or qualified non-citizens and perform in the mid-range on the ACT/SAT and GPA. Scholars will be selected based on eligibility and results of the SSI assessment as well as determined by financial need.

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