

WRITING YOUR BEST ESSAY

1 TAKE PERSONAL INVENTORY.

Before you start writing, reflect on your experiences. What is important to you? What are the greatest lessons you have learned? What are you most proud of?

2 HIGHLIGHT YOUR SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND CHARACTER.

Describe your experience and potential in each of the four pillar areas. Help the Selection Committee understand what you have already done and the impact you have made.

3 BE AUTHENTIC.

Write what you want to say, not what you think the Selection Committee wants to read! Use your essays to explain why you are passionate about what you've spent time on and why your activities are important to you.

Make Your NC State Application Stand Out

- Start by listing the activities you care about the most.
- Service activities, work, family responsibilities, research, extracurriculars, and other personal projects are important—include them!
- Use all available space to share details about your activities.



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Park Scholarships

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NC State is North Carolina's preeminent research institution, with nationally renowned programs in engineering, veterinary medicine, textiles, statistics, design, linguistics, agriculture, business, and more. Visit ncsu.edu to explore these program offerings.

PARK SCHOLARSHIPS

The Park Scholarships program brings together students with outstanding accomplishments and potential in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Park Scholars receive a four-year scholarship, a living stipend, and access to enrichment grant funding. Leadership development programming prepares them to make lifelong contributions to their communities.

PARK UNDER-RESOURCED ASSISTANCE (PURA)

Park Scholars created PURA to help candidates applying to Park and NC State.

- Current Park Scholars help under-resourced applicants by providing constructive feedback about the content of their essays and insightful advice about the interview process.
- Under-resourced applicants are defined under a broad scope of identities, including, but not limited to, applicants who are first-generation college students, are from low-income backgrounds, attend over-populated schools, are from rural areas, and who identify with other marginalized populations.
- Participation in PURA does not guarantee applicants will advance through the Park Scholarships selection process or receive admission to the university.



Scan here for more information about PURA, including any upcoming events!

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