Application Submission Guidelines

Read Carefully:
In order to be considered for the Kelly/Strul Emerging Scholars Program, students must meet all eligibility requirements. Each student applying for the Kelly Strul Emerging Scholars Program will be ranked and only a select few will be awarded this prestigious scholarship. Your eligibility score will be based, in part, on how well you follow instructions and the quality of your responses to the essay and video questions. Good Luck!

Essay Questions & Guidelines

Essays must be:
- Typed
- Times New Roman, 12-point font
- Double-spaced
- 1-inch margins
- Essay submission must include a header with your last name, first name, and middle initial.

Essay questions:
Essays are used to determine communication skills. Your responses should be clear, concise, free of grammatical and spelling errors.

Program: Please answer all three (3) questions in a 500-word or less response.
1. From your perspective, what does it mean to be an “Emerging Scholar?”
2. Based on the Kelly/Strul Emerging Scholars Program description, which characteristics make you a good candidate?
3. If selected for the program, what steps will you take to challenge yourself as a scholar and as an FAU or community leader?

Personal: Please select two (2) of the prompts below. Your responses should be a minimum of 250 words each.
- Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a moment of revelation or personal growth within yourself and/or inspired others.
- Finish this thought: “If time and money were not an issue, I...”
- Describe a moment when your leadership impacted someone or something.
- Describe your dream job or ultimate career aspiration upon completing your degree.
Video Questions & Guidelines

Videos must follow the below requirements:

- No longer than three (3) minutes.
- Not include use music or voiceover.
- Backgrounds should be neat, with distractions removed.
- Include a brief introduction (first and last name, high school, career aspirations, and a fun fact about yourself).
- Dress appropriately - first impressions are lasting impressions!

Video questions:

Videos are also used to determine communication skills. Your responses should be clear and concise, and you should demonstrate good eye contact throughout.

1. Tell us about a time when you faced a challenge.
2. How did you respond or deal with the challenge?
3. What lessons did you learn from this challenge?

Letters of Reference Guidelines

All eligible applicants must submit three (3) letters of reference that follow the below requirements:

- Must be from teachers, coaches, school administrators, or community leaders.
- Letters from relatives or close friends are not permitted.
- Must be signed, dated, and provided on organizational, or professional letterhead.
- Include the following information:
  - Academic, social, or community involvement
  - Leadership skills or abilities
  - Academic achievements, awards, or accolades
  - Personal stories of leadership, resilience, or scholastic aptitude