



DORDT COLLEGE

KUYPER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

APPLICATION for CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS

About the Program

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Additional information about the program is available on the Dordt College web site, http://www.dordt.edu/admissions/scholars_program/, or contact one of the co-directors.

Qualifications for Current College Students

- At least one semester of full-time college credit. Ordinarily only students with no more than four semesters of college work completed will be considered for admission.
 - Demonstrated academic ability at the college level with a minimum GPA of 3.25. Students with less than two semesters of college credit may be admitted conditionally pending the completion of a second semester of credit. Students with a GPA between 3.25 and 3.50 may be admitted conditionally pending their maintaining a 3.25 GPA.
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To consider your application to KSP, we must receive the following:

- Your completed KSP application form.
- Your completed and signed application essay.
- Your two letters of recommendation from college faculty.
- Copies of your college level transcripts.
- If a transfer student, a completed Dordt College application, including transcripts.

Send the completed application to:

Office of Admissions
Kuyper Scholars Program
Dordt College
498 Fourth Avenue NE
Sioux Center, Iowa 51250-1606

Completed applications must be postmarked on or before Feb. 15.

Co-Directors

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Application for Admission to the Kuyper Scholars Program

Name _____
Last First (given name) MI Preferred

Mailing Address (Dordt Campus address acceptable) _____

Cell Phone Number _____ Home Phone Number _____

Email address _____

Class Level: FR SO JR SR SP (circle one) ~ Dordt College ID# (if known) _____

Major(s)/Minor(s)/Program(s) _____
For example: Biology major/premed; English major/Theatre minor; Secondary Education/Choral Music

Other Colleges Attended _____
Name, City, and State

Entrance Essay

Write a 1000-word, double-spaced essay that develops a thesis, uses the categories listed, and includes examples, to address the following question:

How have your academic experiences (with specific reference to particular books, courses, or projects) shaped your ideas about and aspirations toward doing Christian scholarship?

Use a standard essay format (such as MLA, including citations), including a heading on the first page with your name, essay title, and mention of the Kuyper Scholars Program. The essay must be entirely your own work, without any help in writing or editing. At the end of the essay, include the following statement and sign the essay: "This essay is entirely my own work and I received no assistance in writing or editing."

Letters of Recommendation

Provide the names and contact information of two faculty who you have asked to provide letters of recommendation. These faculty should be familiar with your academic motivation, achievement, and abilities. Both letters must be from college faculty members that have had you as a student. Please give each person a recommendation form and ask them to complete it as indicated and have them send it directly to the address provided. Dordt College faculty need not include all their contact information.

_____ Name _____
_____ Position _____
_____ Employer _____
_____ Mailing Address _____
_____ Phone _____
_____ Email _____
_____ Relationship to applicant _____

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- College Transcript(s) attached?
- Dordt College GPA (if applicable): _____
- Transfer GPA (if applicable): _____
- ACT CMP: _____
- SAT CMP: _____ : ACT CMP Equivalent: _____

Received:

DORDT COLLEGE KUYPER SCHOLARS PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION FORM

To Be Completed by Applicant

Please fill out the section below and give this form to your recommender. These should be high school teachers (or college faculty) familiar with your academic ability and character.

Name _____
Last First, MI

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 guarantee students access to educational records concerning them. Students are permitted to waive their right of access to recommendations. Please indicate below whether you wish to have viewing access to this letter of recommendation.

I, the applicant, (check one)

DO DO NOT

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Student Signature Date

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To Be Completed by Recommender

The above-named student is applying to the Kuyper Scholars Program at Dordt College. Please assist us in becoming better acquainted with the applicant by addressing, in the form of a letter, the following items.

- Nature and length of your relationship with the applicant.
- Academic ability.
- Motivation to learn and ability to work independently.
- Understanding of the Christian faith and how it applies to scholarly activity.
- Leadership ability and level of maturity.

Please fill out the information below and use official letterhead for the letter. Recommendation forms and letters can be made available to the student upon request unless the student has waived the right of access. In order to ensure confidentiality, return both this form and your letter of recommendation directly to Dordt College at the address below. Completed applications are due on Feb. 15. Dordt College faculty need not include all their contact information.

Recommender's Name _____

Position _____

Employer _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

In view of this applicant's assets and liabilities and their suitability to participate in the Kuyper Scholars Program, the applicant is...

- very highly recommended
- highly recommended
- recommended
- recommended with reservations (please describe in the letter)
- not recommended

Recommender's signature Date

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