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Kessler Scholar Application Template

This Kessler Scholars Application template form is intended to support the development of a Kessler Scholars Application for campus partners who choose to employ an application as part of new student recruitment and selection. The application should communicate program benefits, expectations, and selection criteria (first-generation, limited-income) along with campus-specific requirements. We encourage you to adapt this form for your campus needs.

Additionally, the [Kessler Scholars Commitment Form Template](#) can be used to guide the development of the Kessler Scholars Commitment Form you will share with new students admitted to the Kessler Scholars Program. If you have any additional questions, please contact your Collaborative staff lead.

Sample Program Overview:

The Kessler Scholars Program provides holistic support for a diverse community of high-achieving students who are the first in their family to pursue a four-year college degree. Combining financial resources with cohort-based engagement and individualized guidance, the Kessler Scholars Program provides first-generation college students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed and to thrive on campus and beyond. *(Add a sentence or two to share more about the Kessler Scholars Program on your campus).*

Demographic Information to Collect:

This information may already be collected through other application sources (e.g., Common App) and may not be applicable.

First Name

Last Name

Middle Initial

Preferred Name

Personal Pronouns

Home Address: (city, state, zip code, and apartment # if applicable)

Gender

Ethnicity/Race:

Personal Email Address

University Email Address

University ID Number

Contact Phone Number (provide the best number to reach you)

Intended Major (If you aren't sure about your major yet, just enter "Undecided"):

College or School (if applicable)

Sample Short-Answer Prompts:

Below are examples of short essay-response prompts that could be part of a Kessler Scholars application. *We recommend including no more than two short-answer prompts on an application and a word limit of 250-500 words per prompt to simplify the process for students.* Question prompts should help students explore their fit for the Kessler Scholars Program and should avoid duplicating any questions that may be addressed on the admissions application and personal statement.

- 1) The Kessler Scholars Program supports students who are among the first in their immediate family to pursue a four-year bachelor's degree. How does your family background influence how you think about education and see the world?
- 2) As part of the Kessler Scholars Program, you will connect with other first-generation college students who value opportunities to give back to their communities. Tell us about your contribution to your community and the impact this experience has had on you.
- 3) Throughout the undergraduate journey, Kessler Scholars will have many opportunities to regularly engage with the program staff, resources, and other Kessler Scholars. Additionally, Kessler Scholars can give back to the program by serving as a mentor or in a leadership capacity. How do you anticipate your participation in the Kessler Scholars Program in each of these ways will support your academic, personal, and professional goals during your time in college?
- 4) Through the Kessler Scholars Program, students can connect with campus resources, have new experiences, and develop a broad social network to include Kessler Scholars and alumni at other colleges and universities within the Kessler Scholars Collaborative network. How do you anticipate that you will engage and benefit from the Kessler Scholars Program?