**UNLV Engelstad Scholars Program Application**

This form is for students interesting in applying to the UNLV Engelstad Scholars Program for Fall 2019 admission. The priority deadline for this application is December 1, 2018. Late applications will be accepted until January 1, 2019.

\* = Required for a completed application

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| **Legal Name\*** |
| **First** | **Middle Initial** | **Last** |
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| **Preferred Name** - Please provide your preferred name if it is different from your legal name. |
| **First** | **Middle Initial** | **Last** |
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| **NSHE Number\*** - Your NSHE number is your MyUNLV login, which was mailed to you when UNLV received your admissions application. | **Intended Major at UNLV\*** - Please provide your intended major field of study when you begin at UNLV in the fall. |
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| **High School Attended\*** - Applicants to this program must be high school seniors from a Clark County High School. Please provide the name of your high school. | **Unweighted High School GPA\*** - Please provide your unweighted high school GPA. This number will be verified as part of the application process. |
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| **Phone Number\*** - Please provide a phone number where you can be contacted. | **Email Address\*** - Please provide an email address that you check regularly. Communication regarding your application status will be conducted via this email address. |
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| **Do you identify as a first-generation U.S. college student?** Being a first-generation college student means that you are the first person in your immediate family to attend college–ie: neither of your parents have a college degree. Check the statement that applies: |
| \_\_ Yes, I am a first-generation college student\_\_ No, I am not a first-generation college student |
| **UNLV Academic Program Participation**Please place a checkmark next to all UNLV programs for which you are or plan to be a participant. |
| \_\_ GEAR UP\_\_ TRiO College Prep & Adult Programs (UB, ETS, EOC)\_\_ TRiO Student Support Services\_\_ Title III AANAPISI\_\_ LSAMP\_\_ Honors College\_\_ Rebel PRIDE (First-Generation Student Orientation Program)\_\_ None of the above / I am not sure at this time |

**Application Documents**

Directions: For each of the below documents, you may either attach a separate document for each item to your application, or you may type your responses to each item in the body of this document.

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| **Resume\*** - Please submit a copy of your current resume, or type a list of your work experiences and/or extracurricular activities. Please check next to the option you have chosen below: |
| \_\_\_ I choose to submit a separate document. |
| \_\_\_ I choose to type/write my resume here: |
| **Community Service Experience List\*** - Please include a list of your community service activities from high school. For each experience in this list, you are encouraged to include:1. the organization where the service took place,
2. brief description of service activities completed,
3. when and how often you participated in the service activity,
4. any specific role you held while completing the service.

Please check next to the option you have chosen below: |
| \_\_\_ I choose to submit a separate document. |
| \_\_\_ I choose to type/write my list here: |
| **Essay Prompts**\* - Please type your responses to the following questions and upload a document with your responses to all three essay questions. For each question, please respond in 300 words or less.1. Please describe your most meaningful community service activity from the past or present. Why was this experience meaningful to you?
2. Please describe how you define community leadership. Do you feel you have personally performed community leadership? If so, please explain.
3. In 300 words or less, please explain how participating in this program will assist you with your academic and career goals.
4. Please check next to the option you have chosen below:
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| \_\_\_ I choose to submit a separate document. |
| \_\_\_ I choose to type/write my responses here: |
| **Unofficial Transcript (optional)** – You may choose to include an unofficial copy of your high school transcript. Please check next to the option you have chosen below: |
| \_\_\_ I choose to include my transcript. | \_\_\_ I choose not to include my transcript. |

**The Ralph and Betty Engelstad Scholars Program**

 **Scholarship Rights and Responsibilities**

**DESCRIPTION**

The Ralph and Betty Engelstad Scholars Program Scholarship (“The Engelstad Scholarship”) was established to afford students an opportunity to use their abilities, talents, and leadership to serve the community; to provide opportunities to value and include young people in meaningful acts of citizenship; and to provide access to a college education to students with financial need, helping retain them through graduation.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

In order to receive this award, recipients must:

* Be a fully admitted undergraduate student at UNLV
* Be enrolled full-time, at a minimum of 12 credits per semester (excluding summer semester), and complete 12 credits per semester
* Have a minimum unweighted high school GPA of 3.25 and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 at UNLV
* Demonstrate financial need via the Federal Pell Grant indicators during their freshman year and continue to apply for financial aid through the FAFSA while participating in the program.
* Commit to completing 50 hours of community service for each semester (100 hours per academic year). Scholars will serve at a non-profit organization approved by the Engelstad Foundation and UNLV.
* Attend mandatory Engelstad Scholars meetings, including Orientation in late August, Fall Gathering in early December; End of Year Celebration in early May, and any other mandatory events for scholars.
* In place of the first 50 hours of service, attend Foundations of Community Service and Leadership class in first semester of enrollment at UNLV.

**TERMS OF THE AWARD**

The Engelstad Scholarship will provide a maximum of $5,000 per academic year (a maximum of $2,500 per semester, excluding summer semester). This Scholarship may be renewed, through a student’s eighth completed semester as a college undergraduate. Students must continue to meet the eligibility requirements to remain a candidate for the Scholarship.

**DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARHIP FUNDS**

Scholarships are directly credited to a student’s UNLV fee account each semester. If the amount of a scholarship you receive exceeds the amount you owe, the Cashiering and Student Accounts Office will send a reimbursement check to the address listed on your MyUNLV account or directly deposit the refund to your account. If the scholarship in combination with other financial aid resources does not fully cover your tuition and fees, you are responsible for paying the difference according to the due dates established by the Cashiering and Student Accounts Office.

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| **Reference\*** - ­As part of the application process, we request that you provide the name and email address for one reference who can speak to your knowledge, skills, and readiness for this scholarship program. This person cannot be a close friend or family member but instead should be someone who can evaluate your academic performance and is familiar with your experiences with community service. If you do not have a reference who fits this criteria, please provide a reference who can at least speak to your academic performance and capabilities (such as a current or former high school teacher). We will only contact this reference if additional information regarding your application will assist the application review committee in making final decisions. |
| **Name of Reference** | **Email Address** |
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| **Additional Information** - If you would like to provide the Application Review Committee with any additional information regarding your application, please provide it here. |
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| **Agreement Signature\*** - By signing or typing my name in the space below, I agree that I have read the above Ralph and Betty Engelstad Scholars Program Scholarship Rights and Responsibilities. I also agree that if I am selected by UNLV to receive and maintain this scholarship, I shall abide by the rights and responsibilities of the Engelstad Scholars Program. |
| Sign or Type Name: | Date: |
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**Directions For Submitting Your Application**

**Option 1** – You can email your completed application form and any attachments to the Engelstad Scholars Program Coordinator at engelstadscholars@unlv.edu

**Option 2** – You can mail your completed application form and any attachments to the following address:

Engelstad Scholars Program Coordinator

Service Learning and Leadership

Mail Stop 2008

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

4505 South Maryland Parkway

Las Vegas, NV 89154-2008

Once we have received your materials, we will send you a confirmation email letting you know that they have successfully arrived. Thank you for submitting an application to the UNLV Engelstad Scholars Program!

**QUESTIONS**

Please direct questions regarding the Engelstad Scholars Program to the Engelstad Scholars Program Coordinator at engelstadscholars@unlv.edu or at 702-895-5608.