



2017 STEPHEN C. O'CONNELL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Representing nearly 5,000 University of Florida alumni and more than 700 UF Alumni Association members in the capital region, the Capital Area Gator Club annually awards the Stephen C. O'Connell Leadership Scholarship to deserving high school seniors who are residents of the Capital Area Gator Club's membership area and who have exhibited exemplary leadership skills in their schools and communities. The Capital Area Gator Club's scholarship program was established in honor of the late Stephen C. O'Connell.

STEPHEN C. O'CONNELL

The first Florida alumnus to lead the University of Florida as President (1967-1973), Stephen C. O'Connell enrolled at Florida in 1934 in an interdisciplinary Business Administration and Law program from which he received his B.S.B.A. and LL.B. degrees in 1940. At UF, he served as sophomore class president in 1935-36, and as president of the student body in 1938-39. He was a member of Florida Blue Key (President, 1939), Alpha Tau Omega (President, 1938), and the Newman Club (President, 1937). As a middleweight on the boxing team (Captain, 1938), he went undefeated. After retiring as the University's President in 1973, Mr. O'Connell returned to Tallahassee where he practiced law and later became the chairman and chief executive officer of Lewis State Bank until 1983. Prior to serving as President of the University of Florida, Mr. O'Connell served as a justice on the Florida Supreme Court, appointed in 1955 and elected as Chief Justice of the Court in 1967. The University's Stephen C. O'Connell Center, or O'Dome, is named in recognition of his service to the University.

THE CAPITAL AREA GATOR CLUB

The Capital Area Gator Club is the affiliated organization of the UF Alumni Association which promotes and celebrates the Gator Nation in Florida's capital region. As a UFAA affiliate, the Capital Area Gator Club exists to support the mission of teaching, research, and service, for both the UFAA and the University of Florida. Membership in the Capital Area Gator Clubs is open to all alumni, parents, friends, and students of the University of Florida. Alumni Association members within the capital region are automatically members of the Capital Area Gator Club.

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**2017 Stephen C. O'Connell Leadership Scholarship
Application Package**

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant for the scholarship must:

- Be a high school senior who has been accepted for admission to the University of Florida with anticipated enrollment in the summer or fall of 2017 or spring of 2018. Current UF students, transfer students, and graduate students are not eligible.
- Be a resident and attend school in a county within the Capital Area Gator Club's membership region, including: Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, or Wakulla.
- Demonstrate personal qualities indicating he or she is likely to become a contributing citizen, including a reputation of good character, honesty, leadership, interest in public service, and concern for the welfare of others.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Only complete application packages will be considered, which must include all of the following:

- 1. APPLICATION FORM**
Complete all fields of the Application Form as enclosed.
- 2. ATTACHMENTS**
Attach additional pages if needed to respond to questions on the Application Form.
- 3. PERSONAL STATEMENT**
Enclose a one-page personal statement that describes your leadership accomplishments and how you have exhibited concern for the welfare of others.
- 4. (2) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**
Include two (2) letters of recommendation attesting specifically to your leadership qualities and concern for the welfare of others. Recommendation letters must accompany the application when filed.
- 5. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT**
Applicants may break the seal of the school's envelope and copy as necessary.

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND PROCESS FOR FILING

The typed, original application with all attachments and four (4) additional copies (5 total) must be stapled in the upper left corner and submitted in the order described above to the Capital Area Gator Club's scholarship committee at the following address:

Law Offices of Friedman, Frank & Abrahamsen
Attn: 2017 CAGC Scholarship
524 East College Ave.
Tallahassee, FL 32301

POSTMARK DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017

TENTATIVE APPLICANT INTERVIEW DATES

Applicants must be available for interviews, if requested. Interviews for the 2017 selection process are tentatively set for the week of May 15, 2017, at times to be confirmed upon scheduling. Interviews will be held at the address for filing applications above.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Selected recipients will be awarded the scholarship through the University of Florida's Financial Aid Office once enrolled and attending classes at the University. The scholarships are typically awarded at \$1,000 each upon approval of the Club's Board of Directors.

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2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please type responses below and attach additional sheets as necessary.

APPLICANT INFORMATION	
NAME OF APPLICANT	NAME OF PARENT(S)
APPLICANT MAILING ADDRESS	
APPLICANT PHONE NUMBER	APPLICANT E-MAIL ADDRESS
COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED
WEIGHTED GPA:	UF GATOR ID NUMBER
UNWEIGHTED GPA:	
APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO DATE FOR CONSIDERATION OF OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS	
OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO APPLICANT TO DATE	
APPLICANT LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE	
INVOLVEMENT IN STUDENT/COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS	
OFFICES OR POSITIONS HELD BY APPLICANT IN STUDENT/COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS	
HONORS OR RECOGNITION RECEIVED BY APPLICANT IN SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY	
APPLICANT SIGNATURE	DATE