

## Columbia Community Scholars Program Application

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The Community Scholars Program offers independent, community-based scholars from Northern Manhattan access to a suite of Columbia University services and resources in order to work toward the completion of a particular project or to attain skill in a particular area. The program originated as one of the benefits and amenities to be provided to the local community as part of Columbia's Manhattanville Campus Expansion. The program allows successful applicants a formal opportunity to participate in the intellectual life of the university, providing opportunities for interaction with faculty, students, and other visiting scholars. It also helps foster and deepen ties between the University and the many independent members of the cultural and intellectual community surrounding it.

The services include access to all the university's libraries (including on-line access), course auditing privileges (in departments offering auditable courses), interaction with scholars in their field of study, and the ability to participate in seminars and social events. A Scholar may wish to avail him or herself of all or some of the services offered; he or she may begin the program simply wishing to access the libraries, and later into the program opt to audit one or two classes. The program's coordinator will assist each scholar to access resources and determine his or her needs, as well as alerting them to relevant opportunities on campus as they arise.

### **Eligibility:**

- You must be a Borough of Manhattan resident living north of 96<sup>th</sup> Street;
- You cannot have a current affiliation with Columbia University;
- You must have a High School Diploma, GED or equivalent.

Scholars will be appointed for terms of three years, and will be selected by a committee that may include Columbia senior staff, deans and faculty, and may also include leaders from local cultural institutions. At the end of each Scholar's appointment, the tangible outcome of his or her term at the University will be submitted to remain accessible for future Community Scholars and others to review.



Please attach the following:

- 1-2 page narrative describing your educational and/or professional background;
- 1-2 page description of the project you propose to pursue, your anticipated end goal/outcomes and the University resources you would like to access in order to achieve these outcomes (i.e. courses to audit, library, etc.). Please include a brief statement on how your project might be of benefit to the larger community;
- Résumé, or Curriculum Vitae;
- High School Transcript, equivalent, or equivalent experience (please explain), and transcripts from any college or university work;
- 2 letters of reference (may be from a current or former employer, community leader, teacher, professor, colleague, or eminent person in your field of study);
- Other supporting materials you would like to have considered as a part of your application: work sample, writing samples of up to 2 pages, audio or videotape. **Please note that these materials will not be returned.**

**Please submit all materials in one package postmarked no later than May 21, 2015 to:**

Community Scholars Program  
Office of Government & Community Affairs  
Columbia University  
309 Low Library  
535 West 116th Street  
New York, NY 10027

**Please note:**

- This program does not lead to course credit, a degree or certification.
- All instruction in classes is conducted in English unless otherwise noted in course descriptions.
- Admission to Community Scholars program is conditional upon proof of northern Borough of Manhattan residency.
- Although terms are stated as 3 years, individual scholars may opt to complete the program in less time; continued enrollment depends upon continued compliance with all program requirements and University regulations.

The New York State Empire State Development Corporation may require Columbia University to submit each applicant's name, address and proof of residency to confirm program eligibility.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please direct inquiries about the Community Scholars Program to:**  
(212) 854-4289 or [communityaffairs@columbia.edu](mailto:communityaffairs@columbia.edu)