GOOLSBY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
BNSF EARLY LEADER PROGRAM
APPLICATION INFORMATION

All students in the BNSF Early Leader Program of the Goolsby Leadership Academy will participate in courses and activities that emphasize early leadership development and communication. Some courses may fulfill degree requirements while others will be considered elective courses in the student’s degree plan. Much of this depends on the student’s program of work and major.

The BNSF Early Leader Program is a two-year program open to incoming full-time business intended freshmen and sophomores. Annual scholarships ($500 - Freshman; $1000 - Sophomore) will be awarded to students selected for the Program.

For incoming freshman, preference will be given to those applicants with an 1250 score in their SAT or a score of 26 in the ACT. Those accepted to the program are required (1) to maintain full-time status (minimum of 12 hours) beginning in the Fall of their first year in the Academy and throughout the program and (2) to maintain at least a 3.1 GPA to receive scholarship support.

In addition to the scholarship awarded per semester, being part of the Early Leader program will teach the students the skills for a successful career. Participation will connect the Early Leaders with Academy faculty members and outstanding peers that will help them develop their leadership traits. It is not guaranteed, but the program may aid them transition into a Goolsby Leadership Academy Scholar in their junior year.

All applications will be handled through the UTA scholarship portal MAV ScholarShop (uta.academicworks.com). Below you will find the prompt to the short essay that you will be required to submit in the online application, plus the additional questions you will need to answer. Please note that we will not be able to consider applications submitted by any other means that is not the MAV ScholarShop. In our website you will also find a document titled “Application Walkthrough” which provides a step by step description of the online application process.

Short Essay

On a separate sheet of paper please provide a brief response to the question: Why are you applying to the BNSF Early Leader Program of the Goolsby Leadership Academy? Please limit your response to 500 words.

Section VII – Signature

1. I agree to maintain full-time enrollment and be in a degree program in the College of Business, making appropriate progress toward it in all semesters. If I accept a Goolsby Leadership Academy scholarship and fail to meet the above requirements, I will repay the scholarship.
2. I understand that the attendance to all Early Leader activities is mandatory; failure to attend will result in the loss of the scholarship.
3. I hereby affirm that the information submitted herewith is true and correct.

If you have any questions regarding the application process please contact the Goolsby Leadership Academy at goolsbyacademy@uta.edu. In your email please make sure to include your name and UTA ID number.