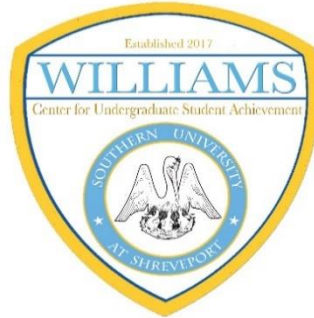


# Williams Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement



## MINORITY MALE ACHIEVEMENT INITIATIVE

*The Williams Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement (WCUSA) was established at Southern University at Shreveport by SU Alumni Tony and Tina Williams. WCUSA serves as a conduit to discipline, train, teach, and serve at-risk minority males and increase their presence in the fields of S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), Education and Allied Health.*

The current co-hort of students are provided academic support, mentorship opportunities, community services partnerships, and financial resources to complete their academic program at Southern University at Shreveport, which will ultimately allow them to transition to the Southern University Baton Rouge campus.

The goal of WCUSA is to increase the enrollment, retention, and graduations rate for minority males at SUSLA. The Williams Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement is currently seeking potential Williams Scholars for the upcoming co-hort at Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) campus.

Alumnae Tony Williams was raised in the MLK neighborhood and understands the importance of life changing opportunities. Both alumnae received their undergraduate degrees from Southern University Baton Rouge and contributes this foundation to their successful business careers in the corporate world and as prosperous entrepreneurs.

Generous gifts from SU Alums Tony and Tina Williams along with matching grants from the Louisiana Board of Regents, the True Blue Foundation, Corporate Partnerships and Donor Grants will allow WCUSA continued support to minority male students at Southern University at Shreveport.

## **Benefits of Being a Member**

1. Scholarship/stipend to support tuition, books, meal plans, housing, and fees deemed educational needs.
2. Personal accountability and support via weekly collaboration meetings with WCUSA Director.
3. Professional Development through cultural activities, college tours, guest speakers, and educational activities to increase academic achievement and awareness.
4. Brotherhood development with fellow members through Peer Group Meetings and Academic Learning Communities.
5. Mentorship Development with Community Professional Liaisons.
6. Leadership Development with volunteer opportunities in the community and at Southern University at Shreveport.
7. WCUSA Student Leader Ambassador opportunities in the Southern University A & M System and the community at large.
8. Access to the following services:
  - o Academic Counseling
  - o Academic Career Planning
  - o Academic Coaching
  - o Academic Transfer/Graduation Assistance
  - o Academic Tutoring

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Must be enrolled at Southern University at Shreveport.
2. Must have at least a cumulative 2.0 High School GPA, GED and/or College 2.0 GPA.
3. Must major in one of the following: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), Allied Health, and/or Education.
4. Must be enrolled as a full-time student per semester (12 or more hours)
5. Must complete required student Essay.
6. Must agree to abide by SUSLA Code of Conduct and demonstrate behavior consistent with exemplary leadership.

## **Seven (7) Desirable Traits**



Student Number

Age

Date of Birth

Home or Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Student E-mail Address

Student Home Telephone

Student Cell Telephone

High School (If you are a freshman): \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Composite Score (If you are a freshman): \_\_\_\_\_ High School/College GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you plan to get a 4-year degree? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, which College do you plan on attending? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in attending one of the following?

Southern University at Baton Rouge      Yes      No

Southern University at New Orleans      Yes      No

Awards/Extracurricular Activities:

STUDENT ESSAY: Applicants must submit a typewritten essay using Times New Roman (12pt) font with a minimum of 450 words. In the essay, tell us about yourself and why you are the right candidate for the Williams CUSA.

Essay must accompany application. **\*\*INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

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### APPLICATION SUBMISSION and ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

#### **CHECKLIST REMINDERS**

Review the following:

- Most recent IRS Tax return
- FASFA Application completed
- Freshman Student: ACT Score Report on file with SUSLA Admissions Office
- High School Transcript with Cumulative GPA on file with SUSLA Admissions Office
- Essay requirements met

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

By signing below, I agree to the following:

- If selected as a WCUSA candidate, I will participate in the Selection Interview @ SUSLA with WCUSA selection committee.
- If selected as WCUSA candidate, I agree to have my Selection Interview recorded.
- If selected as a WCUSA candidate, I will attend weekly Accountability meetings with the WCUSA director and/or representative.
- If selected as a WCUSA candidate, I will participate in Professional Development sessions as scheduled.
- If selected as a WCUSA candidate, I will attend Peer Group monthly as scheduled.
- If selected as a WCUSA candidate, I will attend Academic Learning Communities as scheduled.
- If selected as a WCUSA candidate, I will participate in scheduled Community Services events.
- If selected as a WCUSA candidate, I will represent WCUSA and SUSLA in a positive and professional manner at times on campus and in the community.
- If selected as A WCUSA candidate, I must maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 to receive the scholarship and stipend.

**MUST BE SUBMITTED & SIGNED IN PERSON:**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by WCUSA staff: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_