



## University of Alabama System Capitol Scholars Program Application

Complete all fields in the following form and upload the completed document to the [Capitol Scholars Application Submission Form](#) on the UA System website.

For questions, contact Capitol Scholars Executive Director Carroll Phelps, [cphelps@uasystem.edu](mailto:cphelps@uasystem.edu).

### Before you complete this application, ensure you meet the following requirements:

1. Currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program and have earned at least 60 credit hours  
OR currently enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program at UA, UAB, or UAH,
2. Graduating in Spring 2026 or later,
3. Interested in working in and around government, and
4. Available to intern in Washington, D.C., in Summer 2026.

### How did you learn about the Capitol Scholars Program?

#### Personal Information:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE (as of May 1, 2026): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Academic Information:

DEGREE: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE/MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT STATUS (as of May 1, 2026): \_\_\_\_\_

ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_



Congressional Region:

HOMETOWN (permanent address): \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE U.S. CONGRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a federal security clearance?

Please answer the following in 200 words or less:

What are your reasons for wanting to work among elected government officials from Alabama and governmental affairs personnel with Alabama interests?

What are your professional aspirations for the next five years?



Discuss Federalist Paper No. 39 and its relevance, if any, in our country and government today.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of the predominantly two-party system?

The second pillar of Capitol Scholars' purpose is: *To develop a network of intelligent, diligent, civic-minded UA System alumni who are passionate about serving the state of Alabama.* What is it about Capitol Scholars that draws you to make a commitment of your present and future self?



Please be sure to submit the following materials in addition to your application. Please see the UA System website for additional information and submission instructions.

1. Resume
2. Digital recommendation from a faculty member at your university.
3. Digital recommendation from an individual of your choice.

By checking the boxes below, you confirm that you understand and agree to the following Program expectations and requirements:

Capitol Scholars are expected to participate in meetings and workshops during the fall 2025 and spring 2026 semesters. Participation may require travel away from campus to a central location.

\_\_\_\_\_ If selected, I will participate in all preparatory meetings and workshops.

Capitol Scholars live together in housing provided by the program at no expense to participants.

\_\_\_\_\_ If selected, I will live in the program-provided housing.

In addition to their internships, Capitol Scholars participate in numerous external meetings, networking events, etc., specially crafted for participants. Capitol Scholars also complete weekly check-ins, assigned readings, and reflection papers.

\_\_\_\_\_ If selected, I will fully, actively, and professionally participate in my internship and all Capitol Scholars activities and assignments.