



# NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY

## THE LEWIS AND ELIZABETH DOWDY SCHOLARS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

### *Program Overview*

The Lewis and Elizabeth Dowdy Scholars Enrichment Program is a preeminent scholarship awarded to entering freshman who have shown excellence in academics and scholarly leadership during their high school matriculation. The prestigious Dowdy Scholars Enrichment Program celebrate two phenomenal educators - the late Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, sixth president of North Carolina A&T College and first chancellor of North Carolina A&T State University and his wife Mrs. Elizabeth Dowdy. They served the University for twenty-one years, which included the tumultuous 1960s and 1970s.

### **Eligibility**

The Dowdy Scholars Enrichment Program is open to incoming freshmen pursuing their first bachelor's degree. The minimum criteria include a weighted cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher. Scholastic test scores require a minimum SAT of 1200 (1270 \*\*redesign SAT) *from a single test administration* or an ACT of at least 26. All eligible applicants must complete the application form, which includes a one-page personal statement and two letters of recommendation.

*\*\*In March 2016, the College Board began administering the redesigned SAT that evaluates math and evidence-based reading and writing. Applicants may still submit pre-March 2016 SAT scores in which the minimum required is a 1200 verbal and math only.*

### **Personal Statement & Recommendation Letters**

To distinguish yourself from other students with similar academic credentials please submit a one-page personal statement. *Prompt: First, describe the world you come from and how your world has shaped your dreams and aspirations. Then, address how becoming a Dowdy Scholar will help to achieve those dreams and aspirations AND impact the world you come from.* The Dowdy Scholars Enrichment Program seeks to honor the legacy of the first chancellor of North Carolina A&T State University by promoting the values of superior education, exemplary leadership and outstanding public service. In the submission of your two letters of recommendation those same values that Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy represented should be addressed.

### **Scholarship Notification**

Applications for consideration and review will be available beginning October 1 and must be received by January 1, prior to the fall semester that you will enter as a new freshman (e.g.; January 1, 2017 for consideration for Fall 2017). Once applications are received and the deadline has been met, applicants will be carefully screened by a scholarship committee. Recommendations will be made and all applicants will be notified of their decision. Please note that submission of an application does not guarantee selection as a Dowdy Scholar. This is a competitive scholarship program that will be awarded annually based on committee recommendation.

### **Award & Renewal Process**

The Dowdy Scholars Enrichment Program is supported through federal, state, and institutional funding to create a substantial scholarship package. Those selected as Dowdy Scholars will receive a full 4-year renewable scholarship which includes tuition and related fees, room and board (standard double occupancy). In order to remain eligible, Dowdy Scholars must maintain a 3.50 cumulative GPA and earn a minimum of 30 credit hours annually which will be reviewed at the end of each spring semester. Failure to meet any of the requirements listed above will forfeit scholarship funding. Students who are deficient in earning the 30 semester credit hours or specified grade point average during the Fall and Spring semesters will have a one-time opportunity to correct these deficiencies during the summer or complete an appeal to regain eligibility. Scholarship funding is not applicable to summer school expenses.

### **Study Abroad & Co-op/Internship**

Scholars who study abroad generally receive 12 semester credit hours. Consequently, study abroad students will be required to earn 27 semester credit hours for the academic year. Co-op and intern students in non-credit programs will be required to earn 15 semester credit hours for the semester they are in residence.

### **Enrichment Program**

The co-curricular model of the Dowdy Scholars Enrichment Program is designed to support our scholars throughout their matriculation at North Carolina A&T State University. The program strives to create diverse opportunities that engage students in the integration of knowledge in and out of the classroom. Scholars will be exposed to opportunities of leadership development, social awareness, research with faculty, co-op/internships, study abroad experiences, and so much more.

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## THE LEWIS AND ELIZABETH DOWDY SCHOLARS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM 2017-2018 Scholarship Application

Instructions: Please type or print in blue or black ink. The Dowdy Scholarship is open to **Incoming Freshman** pursuing their first bachelor's degree with the intent to enroll in the Fall 2017 semester. Deadline to submit an application is **January 1, 2017**.

### Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Banner ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI (Leave blank if banner ID not yet issued)

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen:  Yes  No

### High School Information

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of High School City, ST

High School GPA (weighted): \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score (composite): \_\_\_\_\_

Intended College Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Admission Status:  Applied  Admitted

### Personal Statement

First, describe the world you come from and how your world has shaped your dreams and aspirations. Then, address how becoming a Dowdy Scholar will help to achieve those dreams and aspirations AND impact the world you come from. The following format should be used: one (1) page typed, double-spaced, 1 inch margins, Times New Roman, and 12-point font.

### Recommendation Letters

Submit two (2) letters of recommendation preferably on letterhead, one primarily addressing academic abilities and one on leadership or community service. Reference letters should focus on your professional or academic relationship. Please do not include relatives as references.

### Awards and Achievements (optional)

Attach a resume that highlight leadership, academic achievement, and community service you have participated within your school and community.

**All required documents should be sent in one single package to:**

North Carolina A&T State University  
University Honors Program  
110 Academic Classroom Building  
1601 East Market Street  
Greensboro, NC 27411

*Disclaimer: Students who apply certify they have read and understand the program overview and information provided is correct to the best of their knowledge. Purposeful falsification of information will automatically disqualify a student from further application review. Students agree that if awarded, their name and scholarship information may be shared for marketing purposes through the university website or other campus professionals.*

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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HS GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT: \_\_\_\_\_ ESSAY: Y  N  2 LOR: Y  N  VERIFIED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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