



THE KING'S COLLEGE

The Founders' Scholarship at The King's College

Awarded for the 2012-2013 Academic Year (Updated for Spring Semester)

What is the Founders' Scholarship?

The King's College will award up to four renewable scholarships this year for incoming students who embody the combination of leadership and academic skills that the College highly values. The scholarship is awarded through a competitive process that includes essay and presentation components. The award amounts to the full cost of tuition, and students must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA and successfully complete at least 12 credit hours per semester to keep the scholarship.

Who may compete?

First-time freshmen with a minimum composite ACT score of 24 or composite SAT score of 1650 on a 2400 scale. Transfer students with a minimum of 30 completed credit hours and a 3.0 GPA from an accredited college or university may also participate. Transfer students who have completed fewer than 30 credit hours may participate if they meet the standards for first-time freshmen. All participants must be students who plan to live on-campus during their first year at The King's College.

How does the competition work?

First, students must compose a four- to five-page, double-spaced essay on the following topic: "In 1943, two years after the House of Commons had been destroyed by a raid during the Second World War, Winston Churchill met in the House of Lords and mused, 'We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us.' All societies and cultures believe in and value certain things, and Churchill knew that one could get a sense of those beliefs and values by looking at their buildings. How does a culture view the origins and importance of money? What about God? Power? Beauty? Look no further than the tallest, most beautiful, and most highly trafficked buildings and monuments of that culture, and there you will find your answers.

"At The King's College, our mission is to see our graduates influence the world with some answers of their own—answers that come after four years of wrestling with history, with Scripture, with great ideas, and with the culture and influence that surrounds them in New York

City. We see our graduates entering their culture so that they might shape it and, eventually, lead it. What buildings will they inhabit? Better yet, what building might *you* inhabit?

“Manhattan is home to many important buildings. Since The King’s College exists to train students to lead in one of eight ‘strategic institutions’ (government, business, law, the media, civil society, education, the arts, and the church), we see our graduates inhabiting one of eight strategic buildings in the City. Choose one of the following eight buildings, each one representing one of the eight strategic institutions, and tell us why it is so influential and why it needs *you*—your gifts, your passions, and your leadership. Digging deeper, how does this strategic institution specifically shape our culture and our world?

“The buildings:

- The United Nations Headquarters (Government)
- Wall Street’s New York Stock Exchange (Business)
- The New York County Courthouse (Law)
- Times Square’s New York Times Building (The Media)
- The American Red Cross Building (Civil Society)
- The New York Public Library (Education)
- The Metropolitan Museum of Art (The Arts)
- St. Patrick’s Cathedral (The Church)

“Obviously, your interest in these institutions might vary outside of the parameters of these specific buildings. For example, you may be more impassioned by local politics, or you may look forward to standing in the front of a classroom addressing your students. Perhaps your interest is in the dramatic arts rather than the pieces displayed in the Met. Therefore, we encourage you to be creative in this essay and show us how one of these eight strategic institutions represents your goals. In other words, there is no one ‘right answer’—only well-crafted and creative arguments. We want to know the ways in which these eight strategic institutions need *your contribution*, and the ways in which these institutions shape our world. Will you give us a tour?”

Second, we require that all students who submit an essay also visit The King’s College and give a five- to seven-minute speech or presentation on their topics. During our nine Inviso Official Visit Weekends in the 2011-2012 year, Founders’ Scholarship participants will be invited a day early to present on their topics on Thursday evening from 3pm to 7pm in the Founders’ Room of our campus in the Empire State Building. Participants will be judged by a panel of three to four members of the King’s community (staff, faculty, students, and alumni) who will judge the quality of the participants’ oral skills, creativity, organization, logic, and the connection to the mission of The King’s College. Following the speech or presentation, panel members will ask one to two questions about the speech or presentation. Panel members will evaluate the quality of both the student’s essay and the student’s presentation.

The five spring dates during which students may give their Founders' presentations are as follows:

- Thursday, February 9th, 3pm to 7pm
- Thursday, February 23rd, 3pm to 7pm
- Thursday, March 22nd, 3pm to 7pm
- Thursday, April 12th, 3pm to 7pm
- Thursday, April 19th, 3pm to 7pm

All spring participants must email their essays to bnance@tkc.edu by Sunday evening, two weekends *before* presenting. IMPORTANT: the emailed essay will be considered the RSVP for the speech. If the essay is received in advance, the Office of Admissions will know the exact number of students participating each week.

Third, following the speeches and presentations, Founders' participants will be broken into groups to participate in a leadership and teambuilding exercise. The exercise will culminate in a group presentation in the Founders' Room in front of the other teams. Both parents and King's students on House leadership will be invited to watch the presentations. No prior preparation is needed for this element of the Founders' competition.

How many students receive a Founders' Scholarship?

Four students will receive the Founders' Scholarship. Founders' recipients will be notified during the spring semester of 2012. Within two weeks of the Founders' Scholarship offer, the winners must submit a non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 to secure the scholarship. The \$1,000 deposit will be counted toward the cost of on-campus housing.

What happens if a student does not receive a Founders' Scholarship?

Students who participate in the Founders' Scholarship competition but do not receive an offer for the scholarship will be automatically considered for a Leadership Scholarship. Commensurate with the quality of a student's participation in the Founders' Scholarship, students will be given priority access to Leadership Scholarship funds.

What if I can't make it on campus to give my speech?

All participants must participate in the on-campus portion of the competition. **If, however, a student wishes to enter the competition after already attending an Inviso, he or she may do so.** The on-campus speeches will only be held on the Thursdays during Inviso Weekends.

Please direct any additional questions to Bryan Nance, Assistant VP of Admissions, at bnance@tkc.edu, or call 212.659.3610.