9th Grade Academy
Freshman Scholar Council Packet
2020-2021
Thank you for taking the time to apply for the 2020-2021 Freshman Scholar Council (FSC). Please follow the steps below to complete your application packet. To be considered for the FCS, please submit your application by Friday, September 11th, 2020 deadline. We are seeking a President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Sergeant-of-Arms and 2 Members-at-Large.

1. Read and sign the “Personal Commitment Statement” found in this packet. Your parent/guardian must read and sign, as well. This tells us that you are willing to take the time required to be a part of the FSC.

2. Fill out the “Application for Freshman Scholar Council.” This portion of the application carries the most weight for your acceptance, so be sure to put some thought into your answers.

3. Fill the “Your Name” and “Recommending Teacher Name” on all 3 recommendation forms.

4. Give a copy of the recommendation form to 2 different teachers and 2 members of the community that is familiar with you (ex: Pastor, Youth Leader, Coach, Mentor, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts Leader). The community member recommendation may be returned to Mrs. Thedford via her email and label it FSC by the deadline. Have your teachers and community leaders email and return the form to Mrs. Thedford at Yolanda_Thedford@dekalbschoolsga.org by Friday, Sept. 11th.

5. Ensure all portions of the “Freshman Scholar Council” forms are completed, including the “Personal Commitment Statement,” and return to Mrs. Thedford by Friday, Sept. 11th, 2020.

We are truly excited about your potential to help the 9th Grade Academy develop into a fun, meaningful and educational experience for all 9th grade scholars.

“Scholars Today, Leaders Tomorrow”

Your Application Must Be Completed and Submitted No Later Than Fri, Sept. 11, 2020 At 4pm to Mrs. Thedford at Yolanda_Thedford@dekalbschoolsga.org

Selected Scholars Will Be Notified on Monday, September 21st, 2020!
Name: ______________________________________________________________

Please take a moment to read the following:
Being on the FSC is a huge responsibility for both the scholar and the parent(s). As a scholar leader, you will be responsible for attending meetings and some school events. Parents should make sure their children have reliable transportation to get to designated areas. Parents will be expected to support their children!

Scholars in the FSC will be required to maintain at least 2.3 GPA throughout the year. Scholars that have between a 2.0-2.3 GPA at the end of Fall semester will be placed on probation. Any scholar that falls below 2.0 GPA for Fall Semester will be removed from FSC. Scholar leaders are to always maintain the highest quality of character, integrity, respect for ALL and school pride.

If you have read and understand the above clearly and are willing to accept the challenge; which will be a fun and rewarding experience, then go ahead and sign the bottom.

Scholar Name (Print) __________________________________________
Scholar Signature __________________________________________
Contact Number __________________________
1st Block Teacher: __________________________

Parent Name (Print) __________________________________________
Parent Signature __________________________________________
Contact Number __________________________
Email Address __________________________________________

“Superior Balance Between Academics, Athletics, School Pride and Community Engagement”
Freshman Scholar Council Application

Name: ____________________________________________

Desired Position: President 1st Vice President 2nd Vice President
Secretary Sergeant-of-Arms Member at Large (2)

Homeroom Teacher: ____________________________

The reason you want to be a member of the Freshman Scholar Council (FSC) is:
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What are some things you have done at school or outside of school that you think would help you be a good FSC member?
1. ______________________________________________________________
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What can the FSC do to make 9th grade Academy and Southwest DeKalb High School a better place?
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
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What is the biggest problem facing Southwest DeKalb High School 9th grade scholars in general?
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What makes you a great leader?
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What are your best three quality traits?
_________________________________________  ____________________________________________  ____________________________

List the names of the 2 teachers you have given a FSC recommendation form:
1. __________________________________________
2. __________________________________________
Please have (2) teachers complete a copy of two forms and email to Mrs. Thedford at Yolanda_Thedford@dekalbschoolsga.org.

Teachers: Please do NOT return this form to the scholar! The more information you can give me, the better our leadership team can represent our school. Thank you for your help!

Scholar Name:

Teacher Name:

How long have you known this scholar?

On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being poor and 5 being excellent), please rate the scholar on these qualities.

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Would you recommend this scholar for the Freshman Scholar Council Team?

- Yes
- Yes with Reservations
- No

Additional comments:

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Teachers: Please do NOT return this form to the scholar! The more information you can give me, the better our leadership team can represent our school. Thank you for your help!

Scholar Name:

Teacher Name:

How long have you known this scholar?

On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being poor and 5 being excellent), please rate the scholar on these qualities.

1. Leadership
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2. Cooperation
   1    2    3    4    5
3. Initiative
   1    2    3    4    5
4. Dependability
   1    2    3    4    5
5. Workmanship
   1    2    3    4    5
6. Communication Skills
   1    2    3    4    5
7. Ability to work with others
   1    2    3    4    5
8. Trustworthiness
   1    2    3    4    5
9. Problem Solving
   1    2    3    4    5
10. School Spirit/ Pride
    1    2    3    4    5

Would you recommend this scholar for the Freshman Scholar Council Team?

Yes  Yes with Reservations  No

Additional comments:

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“Scholars Today, Leaders Tomorrow”
Recommendation for Freshman Scholar Council
(Community Leader Form Page 1)

Please have (2) community members to complete a copy of this form and email to Mrs. Thedford at Yolanda_Thedford@dekalbschoolsga.org.

Please do NOT return this form to the scholar! The more information you can give me, the better our leadership team can represent our school. Thank you for your help!

Scholar Name:

Teacher Name:

How long have you known this scholar?

On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being poor and 5 being excellent), please rate the scholar on these qualities.

1. Leadership  1  2  3  4  5
2. Cooperation  1  2  3  4  5
3. Initiative    1  2  3  4  5
4. Dependability 1  2  3  4  5
5. Workmanship  1  2  3  4  5
6. Communication Skills 1  2  3  4  5
7. Ability to work with others 1  2  3  4  5
8. Trustworthiness 1  2  3  4  5
9. Problem Solving  1  2  3  4  5
10. School Spirit/ Pride 1  2  3  4  5

Would you recommend this scholar for the Freshman Scholar Council Team?

Yes Yes with Reservations No

Additional comments:

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“Scholars Today, Leaders Tomorrow”
Recommendation for Freshman Scholar Council
(Community Leader Form Page 2)

Please have one community leader complete this form and return to Yolanda_Thedford@dekalbschoolsga.org.

Scholar Name: ______________________________________________________

Community Member Name: _________________________________

Occupation: _________________________________

How long have you known this scholar? __________________

On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being poor and 5 being excellent), please rate the scholar on these qualities.

1. Leadership 1 2 3 4 5
2. Cooperation 1 2 3 4 5
3. Initiative 1 2 3 4 5
4. Dependability 1 2 3 4 5
5. Workmanship 1 2 3 4 5
6. Communication Skills 1 2 3 4 5
7. Ability to work with others 1 2 3 4 5
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9. Problem Solving 1 2 3 4 5
10. School Spirit/ Pride 1 2 3 4 5

Would you recommend this scholar for the Freshman Scholar Council Team?

Yes  Yes with Reservations  No

Additional comments:

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