

APPLICATION
Early Assurance Program
& Eccles Distinguished Scholar Award



QUICK FACTS

The Program:

- Is available to students entering the University of Utah as first-semester freshmen, fall semester only
- Is highly selective; applicants must have rigorous high school record, a high school GPA of 3.8 and an admissions index of 120
- Offers financial and academic support. The **Eccles Distinguished Scholar Award** www.earlyassurance.utah.edu/eccles provides a "full-ride" four-year scholarship for up to 15 Early Assurance students from the state of Utah.
- Enrolls students in the University's Honors College as undergraduates, and provides a cohort experience for all early assurance scholars
- Guarantees admission to the U's graduate program or professional school of the student's choice from approved programs, such as Law, Business, Engineering, Science, Architecture & Planning, Health, Public Health, Nursing, Pharmacy, Humanities, Education, Social & Behavioral Science, and Mines & Earth Sciences.

Application – Due Tuesday, February 1, 2011

To be considered for the Early Assurance Program, you must submit the following application materials by February 1, 2011 to the address below:

- Application form
- Personal statement
- Three letters of recommendation (see forms attached)
- A current high school transcript and copy of ACT or SAT scores if not included on your transcript.

Address inquiries and send application to:

The University of Utah Honors College
1975 DeTrobriand St.
Salt Lake City, UT 84113
801-581-7383 Fax: 801-585-5034

Description

The University of Utah is proud to announce the Early Assurance Program & Eccles Distinguished Scholar Award for entering undergraduate students. Students enrolled in the program will be able to obtain a broad-based liberal arts education at the U and, provided they meet all standards and contingencies during their undergraduate education, will be guaranteed admittance to one of the U's participating graduate or professional school programs.

Top Utah students admitted to the Early Assurance program may be selected for the **Eccles Distinguished Scholars Award** www.earlyassurance.utah.edu/eccles. In addition to four years of full financial support for tuition, housing and fees, this elite group of students will receive extraordinary recognition, mentoring, advising, and academic opportunities.

General Requirements

To apply, the student must be admitted to the University of Utah and be entering as a first-semester freshman during Fall semester. Selected freshmen must have demonstrated exceptional performance in academics while in high school. There are no state residency requirements for the Early Assurance Program, although only Utah residents are eligible for the Eccles Distinguished Scholars Award. Nonresident students are encouraged to apply for general freshman scholarships at www.sa.utah.edu/finance. The University of Utah is always committed to attracting members of underrepresented populations for its programs.

Admissions Requirements

Admission to this select program is limited. All students must submit the required application materials and references by the February 1, 2011 deadline to be eligible. Finalists will be required to participate in an interview session. Applicants admitted to this program will be expected to maintain a high level of achievement throughout their undergraduate career. In addition, all members of the Early Assurance Program will be enrolled in the U's Honors College.

To be considered for this prestigious program, students should have:

- applied for and been admitted to the University of Utah at: www.sa.utah.edu/admiss
- a high school admissions index of 120;
- an overall high school GPA of 3.8;
- a completed Application for the Early Assurance Program (see attached), a personal statement received by the respective application deadlines, three letters of recommendation, and a current high school transcript with ACT or SAT test scores.
- availability to participate in a phone or campus interview with the selection committee.

Curriculum

As undergraduates, students can choose any of over 76 majors. While working on a selected undergraduate program, the student will be linked with their potential graduate program through special seminars and events aimed at supporting the achievement of career goals. They'll be afforded unique opportunities for select classes with faculty members, interaction with administrators and students, and an enriched curriculum that will prepare them for graduate school. This unique mentoring program will further enrich the undergraduate experience – providing educational opportunities that will strengthen the student's preparation for graduate or professional school.

Upon completion of undergraduate degree requirements, the University will confer a Bachelor's degree. If all contingencies are met, students will then be eligible to enter the graduate program of their choice the following fall semester. The program provides flexibility to accommodate individual choices, should the student decide either to accelerate undergraduate efforts or take an extra year to graduate.

www.earlyassurance.utah.edu



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Name _____
First Middle Last Name/Surname

Address _____
Street/Number/Box

City/Town/Locality State/Province Postal Code

Country

Telephone Number _____
Country Code (If Outside U.S.) Area Code + Telephone Number

Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____
Month/Date/Year

U of U Student ID or Social Security Number _____ Applying for Fall 20 ____

High School _____
Name

City/Town/Locality State/Province

Country

High School GPA (unweighted) _____

ACT/SAT Score (Combined/composite score excluding the writing portion)
_____ **Test Date** _____

Credit from any other colleges? (Name, Dates, GPA)

What is your intended undergraduate major?

For a list of academic majors, visit: www.sa.utah.edu/advise/ms/

How did you learn about the Early Assurance Program? (Web Site, high school, letter/brochure, other)



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List any academic awards

List your work experiences or employment (include dates and number of hours per week)

List extracurricular activities (include dates and number of hours per week)

List volunteer and/or community activities
(include dates and number of hours per week)

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Attach a statement (no more than 3 pages) describing why you are interested in the Early Assurance Program and what you hope to get out of it. Please include why graduate or professional school is an important part of your vision for your future.

I certify this information is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Deliberate falsification or omission of any data may result in denial of admission, or dismissal.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

CHECKLIST

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- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Transcript and ACT/SAT Test Scores

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Recommendation Form

To the Applicant:

Please include three letters of recommendation, two of which should come from a teacher, a counselor, or an administrator who can discuss the student's current academic status, extra-curricular achievements, personal qualities, and potential for future success in their field of study. Please attach a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L.93-380), allows a candidate for admission, employment, or receipt of honors to waive his or her right of access to confidential letters or statements written on his or her behalf if the recommendation is used solely for the purpose of admission, employment, or the receipt of honors and if the candidate, upon request, is notified of the names of all persons making such recommendations on her or his behalf. The University of Utah does not require that you sign such a waiver as a condition for admission or award of fellowship; however, under the legislation you have the option of signing such a waiver as follows:

I hereby waive my right of access to this recommendation and any appropriate attachments that have been written by (name of recommender)

_____ Yes No

Name of applicant (please print) _____

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

To the Person Writing the Letter of Recommendation:

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