A journey is a person in itself; no two are alike.

John Steinbeck
YOU CREATE YOUR JOURNEY, AND YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS HERE.

You have distinguished yourself through academic and personal achievement. You have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and taken your first steps on the path to success.

Florida Southern College invites you to explore the continuation of that journey by becoming a Hollingsworth Scholar.

The Hollingsworth Scholars program is available exclusively to students whose academic accomplishments demonstrate superior intellect, unwavering character, and robust ambition. The program provides a full, four-year scholarship, covering tuition, room and board, and study abroad. This extraordinary opportunity gives you the foundation to focus on your goals and create your unique journey.
The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes.

Marcel Proust
THE FREEDOM TO FORGE YOUR BRIGHTEST FUTURE.

As a Hollingsworth Scholar at Florida Southern College, you will be given unparalleled opportunities to explore the fields that invigorate your mind and enliven your imagination. Exceptional faculty will guide you, challenging you to look beyond the mundane to develop the extraordinary self that lies within. You will be paired with a mentor and engage in scholarly activities typically reserved for graduate students. Florida Southern’s travel-study program provides a singular educational experience that will introduce you not only to new places and people, but also to new ways of viewing the world. A guaranteed internship will equip you with practical experience and a network of professional contacts.
Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

William Butler Yeats
THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Hollingsworth Scholars program has been funded through the generosity of Bernie Little, Jr., ’90 and his wife, Mary Jane Hunt. They created this program to provide the most dedicated and talented students with not only the opportunity to study at one of the nation’s best private colleges, but also the freedom to do so as fully dedicated scholars who earnestly explore their intellectual potential.

FSC President Dr. Anne Kerr shares that the Hollingsworth Scholars program offers an opportunity for some of the nation’s most gifted students to develop their unique talents, build their leadership skills, explore fascinating concepts in cities around the world, and engage in meaningful service projects and internships that prepare them to achieve their professional dreams and personal goals. Students will have the opportunity to explore their leadership potential by working collaboratively with Dr. Kerr, who serves as advisor to Hollingsworth Scholars.

The Hollingsworth Scholars program is Florida Southern’s premier scholarship program and includes the full cost of tuition and fees as well as room, board, and textbooks. Hollingsworth Scholars also receive a travel stipend to underwrite the cost of their international travel-study experience, an academically valuable and life-enriching experience in which all Florida Southern students are encouraged to participate.
FSC STUDENTS
There are approximately 2,500 talented undergraduate students from nearly every state as well as 50 countries who blend their unique talents and interests into a vibrant living-learning community. FSC students are nationally renowned for their high degree of campus engagement, diverse interests, leadership, and community service. Our students enjoy a national reputation for having a strong and supportive community, soaring with FSC school spirit. It is a great place for friendships that alumni report “truly last a lifetime!”

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
FSC students have the advantage of deciding on a field of study from over 50 offered majors. Excellent faculty advising is available to assist students with the selection of their major and/or minor fields of study. It is also possible for students to focus on more than one major or combine several areas of academic interest into a self-designed major.

GETTING INVOLVED
Florida Southern offers fabulous opportunities to get involved with students and faculty through more than 80 clubs and organizations, including special interest groups, Greek life, student government, academic clubs, professional organizations, performing arts ensembles, campus ministries, varsity and intramural athletics, and service groups. In addition to all the organizations, there are many options for community service. Students also enjoy a host of waterfront activities, such as canoeing, water-skiing, wake boarding, boating, and running the three-mile Lake Hollingsworth lakefront.

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION
Undergraduate research, living case studies, internships, field studies, travel abroad, music and theater performances, and service learning are just a few of the ways that Florida Southern students “learn by doing.” Florida Southern’s commitment to experiential education led the National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE) to award Florida Southern College its highest prize in 2010, the William Burke Award.

LOCATION
Lakeland, Florida is an inviting community located between Tampa and Orlando in the heart of Florida’s high-tech corridor. Downtown Lakeland offers unique dining and shopping, as well as a vibrant nightlife within walking distance of the campus.

FSC FACULTY
The FSC faculty is nationally renowned for teaching excellence and committed to providing the highest caliber learning experiences in all fields of study. Among our 130 full-time faculty are scientific researchers, sought-after political commentators, best-selling authors, acclaimed artists, expert psychologists, and prize-winning poets. Whatever their accomplishments in their areas of expertise, these diverse faculty members are united through a passion for teaching and mentoring undergraduates. No huge lecture halls, no graduate assistants — from day one, students have the benefit of these dedicated mentors who engage students in relevant, dynamic, and personalized instruction.
“MOST BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS”
Florida Southern College, for two consecutive years, was named “the #1 Most Beautiful Campus” in the nation by The Princeton Review. With 64 buildings on 113 acres situated along the picturesque shore of Lake Hollingsworth, our campus offers first-rate resources — including cutting-edge research labs, high-tech classrooms, a popular wellness center, a comprehensive library with Tûtu’s Cyber Café, a performing and visual arts complex, outdoor dining, and modern living accommodations. FSC is also home to the largest collection of architecture by world-famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright, which attracts visitors from around the world.

CAREER COUNSELING
FSC offers unmatched guarantees to students — including an internship and travel-study experience for each student — which lead to successful outcomes. The value of an FSC education is reflected in the range of jobs our graduates obtain and the rewarding careers that they build. Our School of Education boasts a 100 percent placement rate for education majors. Our School of Nursing and Health Sciences also boasts a 100 percent placement rate of nursing graduates. Accounting students within the business school also have experienced an impeccable work placement. Additionally, our students maintain a 100 percent law school acceptance rate, with similar results into medical school.

ATHLETICS
There are 19 varsity sports, plus collegiate water-skiing and a full slate of intramurals, which involve more than half of the student body each year. FSC is nationally renowned for its top scholar-athlete program, and has won more national NCAA Division II championships than any other college or university in the nation.

RESIDENCE HALLS
Students enjoy 18 unique residence life options, including traditional historic halls, modern lakefront accommodations, special-interest living-learning communities, and off-campus apartments.

CLIMATE
FSC enjoys great temperatures year round, especially during the winter months. Students are active by the poolside, on the tennis courts and the intramural fields, and on three miles of lakefront.

RANKINGS
Florida Southern continues to earn recognition as one of the nation’s best small private colleges. FSC is included in The Princeton Review’s Best 380 Colleges guide for the sixth consecutive year and recognized among the top ten colleges and universities in the nation for the beauty of its campus and its student participation in intramural sports. The Fiske Guide to Colleges includes FSC among the “best and most interesting” schools in the U.S. Forbes magazine identifies FSC as one of “America’s Top Colleges,” and The Washington Monthly ranks FSC among the top 35 baccalaureate colleges in the nation. Of note, the College is ranked #4 among Regional Colleges in the South and #1 in Florida in its category by U.S. News & World Report.

ACCREDITATION
FSC maintains the highest levels of academic standards and accreditations. The College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. In addition, the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise has earned accreditation from the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB); the Department of Music holds National Association of Music accreditation; the Athletic Training program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE); and the Nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). These important validations of quality assure FSC students of the highest standards of academic excellence.
Vision is the art of seeing the invisible.

Jonathan Swift
AN INSTITUTION ROOTED IN THE EXTRAORDINARY.

From the beginning, Florida Southern College has been a place for the bold of spirit, for visionaries who see possibility, invention, and innovation. This culture of education with ambition originated with the College’s first president, Joshua Hollingsworth, for whom this scholarship program is named. Joshua Hollingsworth was only 28 years old when he was called upon to lead the College in 1886. He faced many obstacles, but persevered to successfully launch what is now the oldest private college in Florida. That same determined spirit is infused throughout the Florida Southern community. Florida Southern students are known as achievers, as young men and women of confidence and integrity who use the knowledge and experience at their command to accomplish great goals and make significant contributions to the world.
Come forth into the light of things, let nature be your teacher.

William Wordsworth
A JOURNEY LIKE NO OTHER
ON A CAMPUS LIKE NO OTHER.

The Most Beautiful Campus in the Nation — The Princeton Review awarded Florida Southern College that honor an unprecedented two years in a row. Why? It could be the stunning architecture — our campus is home to the world’s largest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture. It could be the natural Florida beauty woven throughout the campus in meticulously maintained gardens. It could even be the brilliant views afforded by the rolling hillside overlooking Lake Hollingsworth. It’s true that these features create a perfectly picturesque campus, but there’s something more — an energy you will feel the moment you step on campus. Faculty, staff, students — we are, each of us, committed to excellence, continually challenging ourselves and one another to reach higher, go further, and be better.
Dream more, learn more, do more, and become more. You are a leader.

John Quincy Adams
REQUIREMENTS

The Hollingsworth Scholars program is competitive and application is by invitation only. A committee composed of distinguished faculty, led by FSC President Dr. Kerr, interviews each candidate, selecting individuals based on their academic promise, leadership potential, character, and future goals. Once admitted, Hollingsworth Scholars are expected to enroll full time and maintain a minimum 3.3 grade point average to qualify for annual renewal, up to four years.

Hollingsworth Scholars benefit from a rigorous curriculum, superb faculty, dynamic experiential learning pedagogy, marvelous living-learning facilities, outstanding student life programs, international travel, and a spirited college community. These superb students are challenged and rewarded throughout their programs of study as they prepare for future success, and they, in turn, enrich the College community through their intellectual vitality and campus-wide engagement.