



The Voyager Scholarship

THE OBAMA-CHESKY SCHOLARSHIP FOR PUBLIC
SERVICE

VOYAGER SCHOLARSHIP 2023 - SHORT ANSWER ESSAYS SAMPLE APPLICATION*

Personal Circumstances: Please describe how and when any family or personal circumstances have affected your achievement in school, your work experience, or your participation in school and community activities. (Space is limited; be concise.) (500 characters)

Your Public Service Path: If chosen as a Voyager Scholarship recipient, tell us about the issue or field you're interested in exploring during the program. (250 characters)

Summer Voyage: If chosen as a Voyager Scholarship recipient, you'll have an opportunity to design an immersive travel and work experience during the summer between your junior and senior year of college. This Summer Voyage is rooted in exploring new communities and building connections. It could focus on an apprenticeship opportunity, internship, or a less structured program that helps advance your commitment to public service. This opportunity is yours to create and implement - we'll give you the tools to do it.

If you are chosen as a Voyager Scholarship recipient, what would you like to focus on during your Summer Voyage? What are you hoping to learn? How can travel and exposure to new experiences help with these goals? (500 characters)

Curiosity and Connection: What was the last time your perspective changed? Who or what changed your perspective? How did this shape the type of impact you want to make in the future? (500 characters)

Values and Resilience: Describe a recent challenge you experienced. How did you overcome that challenge? What role did values play in how you overcame the challenge? What did you learn? (500 characters)

Impact and Approach: Tell us about an experience in your life when you created positive change within a community. Describe the experience: What problem did you address? What community did you serve? What was the impact? How did this experience shape your view of public service? (1000 characters)

Your Path and Vision: What's a problem that you'd like to solve? How would the world be different if it were solved? How would you use creativity, cooperation, and a shared vision to solve this? How are you already having an impact? (1000 characters)

Taking Action on Your Vision: Based on the vision you shared in your previous response, what would you like to accomplish one year after graduation? What would success look like five years after graduation? How will you collaborate with others to get this done? (1000 characters)

In addition to your writing samples, you will also need to create a 2-minute YouTube video based on the following prompt. The video should contain nothing but you talking. No screenshots or post-production needed. The strength is in your words and ideas, not your video production skills.

Note from Lindsay: Although you should not "produce" this video, you can still make statements with location and attire! Make sure that your video is UNLISTED in your YouTube channel. Also be aware that sharing a link from your channel will give the Obama Foundation access to your channel - is your channel name professional and appropriate? This may be a time to decide to create a new channel so that the name is appropriate for this opportunity.

Video: What gives you hope for the future? How does bridge-building fit into your vision for that future? How does connection and understanding play a role in this vision? How will this program help?

Provide your YouTube URL here: