

PURDUE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

VETERINARY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine is offering a new Veterinary Scholars Program. This program is designed to recruit highly qualified high school students to our DVM program by offering the opportunity for early admission. Students who are accepted into the Veterinary Scholars Program are guaranteed a position in the DVM program if they successfully complete the required pre-veterinary courses and maintain the academic standards of the Veterinary Scholars Program. Most Veterinary Scholars will be able to complete the required courses over a 3-year period and enter the DVM program in their fourth year of college. Veterinary Scholars who complete the pre-veterinary course requirements in two years may apply to enter the DVM program in their third year of college.

To be considered a qualified applicant for the Veterinary Scholars Program, an applicant must:

- Possess an outstanding high school academic record defined as:
 - ◆ Top 10% of high school graduating class OR high school GPA \geq 3.50/4.00
 - ◆ Strong science and mathematics background
 - ◆ Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) score \geq 1930 or American College Test (ACT) composite score \geq 28
- Be admitted to Purdue University in a major of your choice
- Complete and submit the Veterinary Scholars application and all supporting materials by the application deadline.
- Participate in a personal interview on the Purdue campus, if invited.

The Admission Committee will review your academic record as well as your extracurricular activities, including animal and veterinary experiences, work experiences, awards and evidence of leadership.

In order to maintain eligibility in the Veterinary Scholars Program, a Veterinary Scholar must:

- Maintain a cumulative grade point average (4.0 grade scale) greater than or equal to:
 - ◆ 3.25 for semesters 1 and 2
 - ◆ 3.35 for semesters 3 and 4
 - ◆ 3.45 for all additional semesters
- Complete all pre-veterinary course requirements with a grade of "C-" or better
- The GRE is not required for the Veterinary Scholars Program.

Offers of admission to the Veterinary Scholars program are usually made during the month of July. Once admitted, students must meet the eligibility criteria outlined above. In the event that a student does not meet the academic and performance requirements for the Veterinary Scholars Program, the offer of early provisional admission to the veterinary school is void; however, the student may still apply for admission to the veterinary school through the regular application process.

Responsibility for academic advising of the Veterinary Scholars students will remain with the undergraduate counseling offices in consultation with the School of Veterinary Medicine's Director of Student Services. Veterinary school faculty mentors will be assigned to the Veterinary Scholars to assist them in further defining career goals. Second year veterinary students will be paired with the Veterinary Scholars as Big Siblings.

www.vet.purdue.edu/admissions/vet_scholars_webdocument.pdf

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Application materials must be submitted by May 1 to the Student Services Center of the School of Veterinary Medicine. **The following items are necessary in order for your application to be considered complete:**

- Application
- Animal & Veterinary experience/paid work experience/awards/extracurricular & leadership activities
- Personal statement
- High school academic transcript (must have seven semesters of completed coursework)
- SAT and/or ACT test scores
- Personal evaluation form from a science teacher
- Personal evaluation form from an adult leader of an extracurricular activity addressing your leadership abilities

Note: Relatives or guardians should not perform personal evaluations

Your application will not be accepted unless you certify the accuracy of the information included on all sections of the application by your signature at the bottom of the application.

(Purdue is an equal access/equal opportunity university. No qualified person will be denied admission on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, handicap status or as a disabled Vietnam era veteran.)

TIPS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

1. Approach the process as you would approach preparing and submitting a resume for employment. Based upon your written record alone, you initially have to convince an individual or a group of individuals that you are unique among your competition and deserve a further look.
2. Read carefully. Follow all directions. Complete all forms in their entirety. Take time to make your application legible.
3. Submit information by the deadlines. Deadlines are established as an ending point for one process and a beginning point for another. Lack of attention to deadlines is a reflection on you, the applicant.
4. Make sure your application is complete and submit it by the May 1st deadline; incomplete applications will not be considered.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact:

Student Services Center
School of Veterinary Medicine
Lynn Hall, room 1185
625 Harrison Street
Purdue University
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2026
Phone: (765) 494-7893
FAX: (765) 496-2891

(All information submitted by and on behalf of an applicant becomes the property of the Purdue School of Veterinary Medicine.)

APPLICATION FOR VETERINARY SCHOLARS PROGRAM
SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE – PURDUE UNIVERSITY
(Equal Access/Equal Opportunity University)

PERSONAL INFORMATION – (print in ink or type)

LEGAL NAME _____
Last First Middle

GENDER Male Female **DATE OF BIRTH** _____
MONTH DAY YEAR

HOME ADDRESS _____
Street – number City State Zip

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS _____
Street – number City State Zip

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

RESIDENCE _____
Country of citizenship Permanent resident alien no. (if not a U.S. citizen)

State in which you claim residence County (if an Indiana resident)

Address at which you have resided for past 12 months

Employer, length of employment, and average hours worked per week (if employed during the past 12 months.)
Purdue University reserves the right to request documentary evidence in support of a residence claim.

TELEPHONE (_____) _____ (_____) _____
Home phone Daytime phone

ETHNIC DATA American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian or Pacific Islander Black/African American
 Caucasian Hispanic Other _____
(Please explain)

HIGH SCHOOL _____
Name

Street-number City State Zip

FATHER'S NAME _____
Name

Street-number City State Zip

Occupation – Check here if veterinarian

MOTHER'S NAME _____
Name

Street-number City State Zip

Occupation – Check here if veterinarian

SIGNATURE I certify the information provided on this application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature Date

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Your personal statement should help the Admissions Committee learn something about you as a person, about the development of your interest in veterinary medicine and about your career goals. Please limit your statement to two pages.

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Name _____
Last
First
Middle

VETERINARY/HEALTH SCIENCE/RESEARCH WORK EXPERIENCE (Begin with most recent experience.)

Name of Veterinarian/Scientist	City	State	Description of Duties	Dates	Hours/Week

ANIMAL EXPERIENCE (Begin with most recent experience.)

Name of Employer	City	State	Description of Duties	Dates	Hours/Week

HONORS AND AWARDS (List and describe any honors or awards you have received during high school. Include granting organization and date received.)

Organization	Date	Honor/Award

EXTRACURRICULAR AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (List and describe any extracurricular activities in which you have engaged since high school. Include any offices that you held.)

PROCESS IMMEDIATELY
DATED MATERIAL
RETURN BY May 1

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PERSONAL EVALUATION FORM

EVALUATION
BY SCIENCE
TEACHER

Name of applicant _____
(please print) Last First Middle

To The Applicant - Please fill in your name on the above line. Provide each evaluator with a stamped envelope addressed to *the Student Services Center, School of Veterinary Medicine, Lynn Hall, room 1185, 625 Harrison Street, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana 47907-2026*. Applicants who are admitted to the Veterinary Scholars Program have the right, under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to see written evaluations submitted on their behalf, unless they waive the right. *Please indicate your choice by signing either Statement A or B below.* The signing of this waiver is voluntary and refusal to do so will not be a factor in considering your application.

A. I hereby waive my right of access to the applicant evaluation provided by the evaluator named above.

Applicant's signature Date

B. I do not waive my right of access to the applicant evaluation provided by the evaluator named above. He or she should be made aware that I retain my right of access and that the confidentiality of the evaluation is not guaranteed.

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Name of Evaluator _____

Are you related to the applicant? _____ If yes, how? _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____ What has been your association with the applicant? _____

What is your occupation, profession and position? _____

(Circle the most appropriate rating)	Excellent		Good		Poor	Not observed
Initiative	5	4	3	2	1	X
Dependability	5	4	3	2	1	X
Cooperation	5	4	3	2	1	X
Leadership	5	4	3	2	1	X
Emotional stability	5	4	3	2	1	X
Neatness-cleanliness	5	4	3	2	1	X
Social skills	5	4	3	2	1	X
Judgment-objectivity	5	4	3	2	1	X
Integrity-credibility	5	4	3	2	1	X
Speaking ability-expression	5	4	3	2	1	X
Acceptance of feedback/instruction	5	4	3	2	1	X
Knowledge of and motivation for a career in Veterinary Medicine	5	4	3	2	1	X
Relationships with other people	5	4	3	2	1	X

If you have known other students interested in veterinary medicine as a career, how would you rate this individual in comparison?

HIGHEST ABOVE AVERAGE AVERAGE BELOW AVERAGE LOWEST

Name of Evaluator (print) _____

Address (print) _____

Phone number _____ FAX number _____ Date _____

Signature of Evaluator _____

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