**SYNAPTIC SCHOLARS APPLICATION**

**CLASS OF 2020**

*Thank you for your interest in the Institute for Global Leadership’s Synaptic Scholars Program! We look forward to reading your application and getting to know you.*

*The application deadline* ***is Sunday, March 12th, 2017 at 11:59pm.*** *Please use this document as a template and submit your final application in MS Word (.doc) format.  Email your completed application to tuftsynaptics@gmail.com , with your FirstName\_LastName as the title (ie Jane\_Doe.docx). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail us at that address.*

**PART I | PERSONAL INFO**

Full Name:

Date of birth:

Email:

Cell Phone:

Hometown(s) (City, State, Country):

Intended major:

**PART II | SNAPSHOT**

**In one sentence or less**, please respond to whichever of the following prompts you find interesting and be as true to yourself as possible. Feel free to leave some blank.

**Your favorite couch:**

**I feel most comfortable when:**

**Your favorite way to spend time with friends:**

**Your favorite way to spend time alone:**

**Your favorite carb:**

**An opinion or viewpoint of yours that changed sometime during the last year:**

**The last time you stepped out of your comfort zone:**

**Something you consider beautiful:**

**Your go-to book recommendation:**

**A word that makes you feel something:**

**A song:**

**Stuck in an elevator with one living actor and one dead politician (alive in the elevator). Who?:**

**PART III | EXPERIENCE**

For each of the following categories, please name some of your formative experiences. Then, for each category, choose one experience that you consider to be your most significant and, **in 2-3 sentences**, explain why it is important to you. PLEASE NOTE: You are not required to list more than one item for any category; **we are not looking for a laundry list of items.** Rather, we are trying to learn about experiences that are meaningful to you through your own words.

**Education:**

**Experiences outside of the Classroom:**

**Other (You do not have to use this category but it is for anything that you want to add that did not fit in the other sections. We ask that you maintain the same format for this category and explain the importance of the most significant item.)**

**PART IV | SHORT ANSWERS**

Please answer 2 of the 3 following prompts in **250 words or fewer** and introduce us to the type of person you are – as a student, a leader, an intellectual, an individual.

1. Socrates proclaimed that the “unexamined life is not worth living.” Describe an experience that challenged you to rethink your life or reshape your theory of knowledge. (Feel free to elaborate on an experience you mentioned above.)
2. We in Synaptic Scholars believe that at the heart of all great thinking and innovation lies a thoughtful question born out of curiosity.  Please write a question that captures your curiosity. There are no limits to the type of question you can ask. Be as introspective, creative, controversial, philosophical, or silly as you want! After writing your question, please thoughtfully answer it.
3. Write a letter to someone who has made an unexpected impact on your life.

**PART V | [OPTIONAL]  ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

      Is there anything else you would like us to know about you? You may attach a supplement: a song, a video, a photo, a piece of art that you’ve done, the link to your favorite blog or ***anything else.***

**PART VI | Ideas & Causes**

A big part of Synaptics is sharing your passions with fellow Syns. If you were presenting a topic about which you are passionate to fellow Syns at a meeting (in the form of an informal facilitated conversation), what topic would you talk about? How would you bring it up? Why did you choose this topic? This can be something you’re passionate about, something you’re questioning, something you’re confused about or want other opinions on, etc. In 300 words or fewer.

**PART VII | ONE LAST QUESTION…**

In 150 words or fewer, please tell us: why are you applying to Synaptic Scholars? What are your expectations of the program, if any?