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College Counselor

St Mary’s Springs Academy High School

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Dear College Counselor,

We invite you to participate in the selection of our next class of Furman Scholars. We are interested in students who will immerse themselves in academics with a desire to know, connect, and contribute to the campus community at Furman. We will offer students the opportunity to embark on an individualized academic path, that will be guided by a community of mentors and infused with guaranteed hands-on learning experiences. It is what we call The Furman Advantage. It is our hope that the Furman Scholars program will help us recognize outstanding students who can begin their pathway to Furman.

**Students selected as Furman Scholars are eligible for at least $20,000 per year, $80,000 over four years, in scholarships upon acceptance to Furman University.** Additionally, Furman Scholars are eligible for a fee waiver on their Common Application.

We ask for your assistance in identifying students at your school who are strong candidates for the scholarship. Furman Scholar nominees must be **current juniors (graduating 2021)** who meet the following requirements:

* A genuine interest in an education in the liberal arts and sciences
* A high school weighted grade point average of 3.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)
* At least a 1360 on the SAT, a 1360 on the PSAT, or a 29 on the ACT or Aspire (excluding writing).
* Significant involvement in extracurricular activities and community service
* Demonstrated leadership potential

As we open nominations for the 2020 Furman Scholars scholarship program for **current high school juniors,** please note that we are *only* accepting online nominations via our nomination form available at **admission.furman.edu/register/FurmanScholar.**

**To recieve award certificates by spring awards days, you must nominate students by April 1, 2020. We will continue accepting additional nominations until June 1, 2020, which is the final deadline for nominations.** The selection committee will review all nominations and the results will be sent to you in **mid-April or mid-June,** along with a link to the PDF certificate acknowledging the recipient's achievement. **Students selected as Furman Scholars will also be notified via U.S. postal mail mid-June.**

We appreciate your participation in the Furman Scholars program and look forward to receiving your nominations soon. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Zach Couch at 864.294.2034 or zachary.couch@furman.edu.

Sincerely,