The Shelby Institute for Policy and Leadership Now Accepting Applications for Inaugural Class of Shelby Scholars

The Shelby Institute for Policy and Leadership is a nonpartisan, interdisciplinary and student-focused establishment dedicated to educating and training future leaders of the state and nation.

Applications Accepted June 1-July 15, 2024.

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June 1, 2024
Application Opens

July 15, 2024
Application Closes 11:59 PM CST

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Shelby Scholars will...

Complete classes with motivated students from diverse academic fields who wish to expand their knowledge of public policy, politics, law, communications and economics.

Participate in year-round enrichment and experiential learning programs to enhance the undergraduate experience at the Capstone.

Receive personalized, career-oriented academic support.

Engage with state and national leaders from government, private-sector, non-profit and other fields across the political spectrum.

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The Shelby Institute is led by

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