The Scholars

_The Scholars_, an initiative from the College of Education and Psychology Dean’s Office, is a select group of undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in programs in the College of Education and Psychology at The University of Southern Mississippi. These students serve as ambassadors for the College, and they also serve as important representatives for our students in terms of communicating issues and concerns with the Dean’s office.

Membership in _The Scholars_ is an earned honor and comes with the expectation that members will serve the College of Education and Psychology as ambassadors for recruitment and retention of students as well as participate in public relations and service activities. During fall semester, newly selected Scholars are expected to attend an orientation session and one of the following recruitment activities: Honors Day or Black and Gold Day. Scholars will have additional opportunities to promote the College and aid with student retention in the spring semester.

Students chosen as Scholars must meet certain criteria and are selected by a faculty committee. Students from all programs and locations (Hattiesburg campus, Gulf Coast campus, and online programs) are eligible to be selected. There are many benefits to becoming one of the Scholars, including working closely with faculty and staff of the College as well as developing communication and leadership skills.

Eligibility requirements for undergraduate students are as follows:

- Enrollment in a bachelor’s program in the College of Education and Psychology
- Current continued enrollment for a minimum of a second semester at The University of Southern Mississippi and intention to return for the following fall semester
- Minimum GPA 3.0

Eligibility requirements for graduate students are as follows:

- Enrollment in a master’s, specialist, or doctoral program in the College of Education and Psychology
- Current continued enrollment for a minimum of a second semester at The University of Southern Mississippi and intention to return for the following fall semester
- Minimum GPA 3.5

Designation to the membership of _The Scholars_ is open to qualified candidates of any age, sex, sexual orientation, race, handicap or disability, color, religion, and national or ethnic origin.