FAQ

1. **What were the selection criteria for the scholarship?**

A number of variables were considered for each applicant. Undergraduate GPA, GRE scores, professional experience, future career goals, and educational background were among some of the criteria the scholarship committee used to select their scholarship recipients. Students who were selected are outstanding in their various scholastic and professional achievements.

2. **What is the purpose of the Dean’s Merit Scholar Event?**

This event provides scholarship recipients the opportunity to meet our faculty, staff, current students, and alumni. Various activities such as the financial aid information session, meetings with the program directors, and interaction with current students provide students insight into their selected master’s program.

3. **Did all admitted students receive the Dean’s Merit Scholarships?**

Only 25% of our admitted class is selected for the Dean’s Merit Scholarships.

4. **What is planned for the event?**

The event starts begins with a continental breakfast with the faculty of the Price School. There will be opportunities to interact with the Dean, find out the details of your master’s program, and many other informative activities. A schedule of events can be downloaded from the main RSVP website.

5. **How do I make arrangements to be there if I’m not in the near vicinity of Los Angeles?**

In an effort to make attendance possible for northern California and out-of-state students, the Price School agrees to reimburse students a portion of their airfare expense. The Price School will reimburse prospective students from northern California 50%, up to $200, of their airfare expense. Prospective students from out-of-state will be reimbursed up to $200 of their airfare expense. The Price School Travel Reimbursement Form and information may be downloaded on the main RSVP website.
6. **What other travel arrangements are covered by the Price School?**

Unfortunately, only airfare is eligible for the Price School travel reimbursement. Hotel accommodations are not covered under the Price School travel reimbursement. Hotel accommodations may be made through STA Travel or own your own. A list of nearby hotels can be found on the main RSVP website.

7. **What is the dress code?**

Business casual with comfortable shoes is recommended.

8. **What’s the weather like?**

The weather should be warm during the day. Please be sure to bring a sweater or lightweight jacket to wear during the evening because we will be outside on the patio and Los Angeles tends to get chilly at night.

9. **Is this event mandatory?**

This event is not mandatory, and you will receive the scholarship even if you decide not to attend. We highly encourage you to attend in order to find out more about USC and the Price School. By attending this event, students can make the most informed decision with the information provided and the impressions they come away with.

10. **If I can’t attend, may I visit USC at a later date on my own?**

We encourage students to attend this event, however we understand if you’re unable to attend because of prior commitments. If you decide that you would like to schedule a campus visit with us after this event, you are more than welcome to. Please understand that we are unable to provide all of the activities during a campus visit.

11. **I have questions about my scholarship offer. Whom should I contact?**

Please contact Christine Wilson, Student Aid Coordinator, for any questions about your scholarship offer at wilsonca@usc.edu or (213)740-4127.

12. **I have further questions about the Dean’s Merit Scholar Event. Whom should I contact?**

Please feel free to contact Megan Curran, Student Services Advisor, at mecurran@usc.edu or (213)740-3353.