

Zylyphia Shu-En Kirk Scholars Program

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

✓ **Application:**

- All information completed and correct
- Signature is at bottom of the page

✓ **Letters of Recommendation:**

- Letters may come from RU faculty and/or staff members.
- At least **2** letters of recommendation are required.
- One letter must be from someone who is familiar with your campus leadership roles and extra-curricular activities.

✓ **Extra-Curricular Involvement:**

- Attach a separate sheet detailing extra-curricular activities and involvement (include high school, if applicable).

✓ **Essay:**

- 1-2 typed pages, double-spaced
- Explain why you want to be a Kirk Scholar.
- Discuss how your participation in the program would enrich your education and enhance your ultimate career goals.
- Use the following questions to prompt your thinking:
 - How can the study of Mandarin Chinese complement a) your major area of study; b) your long-range education and c) your career plans?
 - Why is it so important for you in particular—and college graduates in general—to develop knowledge of the Chinese language, history, and culture?
 - How will you benefit educationally and personally from the opportunity to travel to China to experience the culture, to meet the people, and to see first-hand a nation that will play an increasingly important role in the 21st century economic, political, and social arenas?
 - How do you hope the program will impact your life?
 - What previous event or experience has prompted you to apply?
 - Briefly describe any previous language and travel experiences and your study/work ethics for language learning.

Submit All Application Materials to:

**International Education Center
P.O. Box 7002
Radford, VA 24142
105 Cook Hall
Fax #: (540) 831-6588**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 2, 2009

