

EKU

DIVERSITY OFFICE

Scholarships for 2018 - 2019

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Diversity Office Scholarship Program is to expand and enrich Eastern Kentucky University's campus life by recognizing and supporting outstanding students from first-generation, low-income and various cultural, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds with diverse interests, perspectives and life experiences. The Diversity Office Scholarship Program is committed to helping students achieve their academic goals. The Program promotes academic excellence through monthly workshops, mentoring and involvement in on-campus activities.



Your checklist of required documents:

- Completed Application
- Short Essays
- Letters of Recommendation

HOW MUCH IS IT?

- Scholarships will provide \$1000 per academic year*
*For spring scholarship disbursement, attendance is required at monthly seminars, detailed under requirements.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Applicants must be admitted to EKU
- Applicants must be a first-generation and low-income college student
- Applicants must be a degree-seeking and full-time enrolled student
- Applicants must complete a FAFSA <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Consideration will be given to all students who have exhibited dedication to diversity. Diversity at EKU includes, but is not limited to race, ethnicity, religion, socio-economic status, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities and cultural or national backgrounds.

- Additional Considerations:
 - Demonstrated leadership qualities in community service, extracurricular and/or other activities
 - History of overcoming unique challenges
 - Member of an underrepresented minority or ethnic group
 - Member of a low-income family
 - Reside in a rural or inner-city location

A. REQUIREMENTS

- Submit a completed application
- Must include with application:
 - One letter of recommendation from your high school principal/counselor or teacher, or college professor
 - One letter of recommendation from community leader (ex. youth group leader, church leader, volunteer leader, club leader)
 - Unofficial high school/college transcript
 - **First-time applicants:** please provide a short essay (250-word minimum, 500-word maximum, typed in 12 pt. Times New Roman, attached on separate sheets) for **each** of the following questions:
 1. How can belonging and participating within a diverse community aid in the development of your academic, social and career goals?
 2. How has your diversity (cultural heritage, ethnicity, gender, socio-economic background, family, etc.,) contributed to who you are today and your pursuit of a college education?
 3. What financial challenges do you anticipate encountering as you pursue your college education? How do you plan to address the identified challenges?

Returning applicants: please contact the Diversity Office for essay assignment.

- Attendance of monthly seminars on topics including but not limited to:
 - Money Management
 - Effective Study Skills
 - Leadership
 - Peer-mentoring
 - Skill Inventory

B. APPLICATION

NOTE: Please provide thoughtful answers to all questions. Your responses are important in the selection process. Grammar, content and spelling errors may negatively impact your application.

DEADLINE: MARCH 1ST FOR 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

Diversity Office Scholarships Application

Please select one: Incoming Freshman
 Continuing Student Class Rank _____ (Soph, Jr., etc.)
 Transfer Student Class Rank _____ (Soph, Jr., etc.)

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

EKU ID: _____ Phone: (____) _____ Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip-Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____

County: _____ High School: _____

Intended Major: _____

Academic Year: _____ Term: _____ Fall Spring

Highest level in school your father or guardian completed:

- Master's/Ph.D./M.D./J.D.
- Bachelor's degree from a U.S. College or University
- Bachelor's degree from country outside the U.S.
- Some college/Associate's degree
- High school/GED
- Did not graduate from high school
- Unknown

Highest level in school your mother or guardian completed:

- Master's/Ph.D./M.D./J.D.
- Bachelor's degree from a U.S. College or University
- Bachelor's degree from country outside the U.S.
- Some college/Associate's degree
- High school/GED
- Did not graduate from high school
- Unknown

Ethnic Group (select all that apply):

- White (Non-Hispanic)
- Black or African American (Non-Hispanic)
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Hispanic/Latino
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Other (please specify, ex. International Student) _____

Note: Students must have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov)

INCOMPLETE Diversity Office Scholarship Applications WILL NOT BE REVIEWED

C. Indicate school/community activities in which you have been involved (attach a separate sheet if necessary)

School organizations	Date(s)

Community Service/Community Involvement	Date(s)

D. Please indicate all awards, honors, special talents or interests (attach a separate sheet if necessary)

Awards/Honors	Date(s)

Special Talents/Interests	Date(s)

I hereby verify that all the information that I have provided is accurate. Your signature gives permission for the University Diversity Office Scholarship Committee to review any academic records.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Recipients for this award will be selected by the University Diversity Office Scholarship Committee and will be notified in writing of the scholarship award.

Return application, essay questions and letters of recommendation to:

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