

## **STUDENT DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP**

### **PURPOSE**

To further Northwestern Health Sciences University's commitment to diversity  
To fulfill our commitment to the development of a culturally competent University  
To better serve minority populations  
To encourage and reward students for contributions to advancing diversity at Northwestern and in the community

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Student who is from a group which is underrepresented and who is committed to meeting the health care needs of underserved and/or underrepresented groups as demonstrated by existing demographic trends in the United States.

Application must be submitted according to the following trimester levels

- T 3 - 8 Chiropractic students
- T 3 - 7 MCAOM students
- T1 Massage students

### **CRITERIA FOR QUALIFICATION AND AWARD**

Evidence of financial need  
Evidence of high academic achievement specifically a minimum GPA of 3.0  
Letter of recommendation from an advisor or mentor who has worked with the student in a diversity program  
Completed application form  
Application essay  
Personal interview with the Diversity Commission Scholarship Committee

### **AWARD AMOUNTS**

Each academic year NWHSU will award one scholarship to qualified students enrolled in either the College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine; the School of Massage Therapy; or the College of Chiropractic. One scholarship will be awarded each year. The student will receive a scholarship award equal to 100% of the academic program tuition for each term during which the student remains eligible.

### **CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY**

Renewable each academic year  
Demonstrated ongoing commitment to diversity efforts at NWHSU

- Adherence to specifically identified initiatives
- Submission of an annual paper that describes the recipient's activities and their impact on diversity

Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher

Applications should be mailed to: The Diversity Commission Chair, Northwestern Health Sciences University, 2501 W. 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, MN 55431

**The NWHSU Diversity Commission determines recipients**

**The following persons are not eligible**

Diversity scholarship recipients  
Current NWHSU employees who are covered under the tuition reimbursement program  
Children of faculty members and current full time staff

**STUDENTS MUST MEET ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS BY NOVEMBER 15, 2009**

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS NOVEMBER 15, 2009**  
**SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED IN WINTER 2010**  
**APPLICATION FORM**  
**STUDENT INFORMATION (please type or print legibly using ink)**

What program are you enrolled in at NWHSU? MESSAGE MCAOM CHIRO

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number, including area code \_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you eligible for US Federal Student Loans? YES NO

**Service/Leadership involvement**

Evidence of active participation in on campus activities which support the diversity initiative

Evidence of involvement with multicultural organizations and groups

Evidence of active participation in community activities which promote diversity at NWHSU

Evidence of service to underrepresented communities of need

I hereby apply for this scholarship and declare that the information on this application is a true representation of the facts:

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION ESSAY ( typed in times new roman '12' size font and double spaced)**

Describe your understanding of the importance of cultural competency in health care

What is the impact of this involvement on your life and your skills

How do you plan to serve underserved diverse communities when you complete your education

In what ways has your cultural/ethnic identity, or the leadership and service roles in which you have been involved fostered your appreciation of cultural and ethnic differences

In what ways have you contributed to furthering a respect and understanding of cultural differences at NWHSU.

With regards to the diversity strategic plan identify from the list below at least two ways in which you have helped to facilitate the goals of the NWHSU diversity strategic plan

With regards to the diversity strategic plan identify from the list below at least two ways in which you plan to help to facilitate the goals of the NWHSU diversity strategic plan

**Diversity Strategic Plan – Student related activities**

Solicit and provide student recommendations for improving the physical environment (posters and art work)

Relay information to and from the diversity commission regarding club activities and senate initiated events

Membership in a student club that would require them to make a cultural shift

Contribute to the diversity web page

Solicit input about service learning opportunities from students and other sources

Explore connections that current students have with diverse communities

Participate in service learning opportunities

Membership in the ambassador club

Serve as mentors for the science academy

ESL tutoring

Assist the senate representatives working on the curriculum committees to solicit and disseminate information regarding cultural competencies

Connect with students from other institutions who are also working to promote cultural competency

Attend University supported and funded diversity development opportunities

Explore local resources

Collaborate with multicultural affairs intern

Assist in compiling an on-line directory of alumni mentors, particularly those from ethnically and culturally diverse backgrounds

**ACADEMIC STANDING** (Completed by Student Records & Financial Services Office)

Current Term Level \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Session GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of SRFS \_\_\_\_\_

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