Retention Programs Application

ACCESS EMPOWER GANAS NDNSS

PRIORITY DEADLINE: February 1st, 2016
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Program Description
Diversity & Multicultural Student Services – Retention Programs & Services, offers four different first year Retention Programs to incoming PSU students. Each program is uniquely designed to enrich the experience of students looking to connect with the PSU diverse community. The programs assist new students in their transition to PSU, while building a multicultural campus community that is essential to student success. Furthermore, each program provides financial support for the first academic year.

As a participant in this program, students will build strong relationships with general advisors and peer mentors, develop a strong cultural and academic identity, and become familiar with PSU resources that will assist in their transition to PSU. All four programs assist participants in fully understanding the academic college expectations and the value of developing a diverse academic network. The programing, mentoring and support that is provided by these programs, will assist students in building a foundation that will result in continued success beyond the first year and ultimately lead to graduation.

Selected Retention Program Participants will be required to:

- Participate in a two-week Connect Program and College Success Course September 12-23, 2016.
- Actively participate in community building (social and cultural) activities and workshops
- Meet with a designated mentor throughout each term
- Seek out financial resources for the following academic year
- Meet on a regular basis with designated program general advisor

Note: Selected Transfer GANAS & NDNSS Students will participate in five scheduled workshops during Fall 2016 quarter and will not be required to participate in the two week college success course.

Eligibility

- High school seniors beginning their first term at PSU Fall 2016
- or Incoming transfer student from a Community College or 4 year institution
- First-generation (neither parent graduated from a 4 year university)
- Admitted to Portland State University or currently in the process of admission.
- Demonstrated financial need (as determined through FAFSA or financial need statement).
- Must be a full-time student with a minimum of 12 credit hours each term
- Must not be involved with any Portland State University Athletics (GANAS Program Only)
Individual Program Descriptions

ACCESS
Accessing the Cultural Capital Essential to Student Success
The ACCESS program is designed to develop new freshman and transfer students during their first year at Portland State University. This program serves first-generation, low income students who are primarily African American. ACCESS participants are provided with peer mentors who have learned to navigate PSU, have achieved academic excellence and have a desire to help other students succeed. This program encourages and helps students build a sense of community and long lasting relationships as well as provides financial assistance. The cultural connection and capital, that is, gained as a participant of the ACCESS program, increases favorable academic outcomes.

EMPOWER
Empower is a year-long mentor program that fosters community among first-generation, low-income students who are primarily Asian Pacific Islander. This program is designed to assist new students with their transition to college by providing encouragement, support and guidance throughout the academic year. Empower is committed to providing students with academic, social, and cultural support through peer mentoring and general academic advising.

GANAS
Gaining Awareness and Networking for Academic Success
The GANAS program is for first-generation, low-income, first-time students at Portland State University. The program focuses primarily on the Latino/a student experience. The program includes a $3,000 remission award for 2016-2017. All students selected will be required to actively participate in Diversity & Multicultural Student Services community building (social and cultural) activities and workshops which will focus on Latino/a culture.

NDNSS
Native Development Networking for Student Success
The NDNSS is a one year support and mentor program for first generation, low income, first-time students who will be starting at PSU Fall 2016. The program is designed to assist new students in their transition to PSU through academic support and community building activities. The program serves students who are primarily from a Native American/Alaskan Native background and is ideal for new students who may be seeking a cultural community connection to the PSU campus.

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# 2016-2017 Application

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High School or Community College Attended:
Please provide unofficial transcript.

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Have you submitted your FAFSA:
☐ Yes ☐ No

Note: if you are not receiving financial aid please submit a statement of financial need.

Please list any scholarships for fall of 2016 and or support programs that you may be a part at PSU for Fall of 2016:

Race/Ethnicity: Please use specifics if selecting option with space e.g., Mexican, Cuban, Siletz, Chinese, Filipino
You are urged to supply this information. However, you may decline without affecting your application in any way. Please check any/all that apply

☐ Asian ________________________________ ☐ Pacific Islander ________________________________

☐ Hispanic/Latino ________________________________ ☐ Middle Eastern ________________________________

☐ Native American, Indigenous, Alaskan Native_____________________________ (Tribal Affiliation)

☐ African ☐ Black (non-Hispanic) ☐ White (non-Hispanic) ☐ Decline to Respond

I hereby authorize Portland State University to furnish copies of my academic record, essay and this application to the program selection committee to review in considering my application. I further authorize release of information for publicity purposes (if selected for this program).

Signature_________________________________________ Date: __________________
Essay Questions

You must answer the following essay questions depending on which program you are applying to. Each essay may not exceed 400 words. Please type your name and PSU ID on each page of your essays.

**ACCESS**

1. How has your background (for example, racial, ethnic, sexual orientation, gender, family, etc.) shaped who you are today and how has your background impacted (positively or negatively) your academic performance?

2. From the program description on page 1 and 2 on this application, please explain what component(s) of the ACCESS program you believe will be the most beneficial to you as a new student at PSU. What do you hope to gain from a program designed to positively impact your racial, ethnic, and academic identity?

**EMPOWER**

1. What are some of the barriers/challenges that you have had to overcome during your life and what did you learn? How have these experiences shaped your educational goals and career aspirations?

2. From the program description on page 1 and 2 of this application, please explain what component(s) of the Empower program you believe will be the most beneficial to you as a new student at PSU. What do you hope to gain from your experience in this program?

**GANAS**

1. How has your personal/family background shaped your educational/career goals? What or who has motivated you to pursue your college degree?

2. From the program descriptions on page 1 and 2 on this application, please explain what component(s) of the GANAS program you believe will be the most beneficial to you as a new student at PSU. What do you hope to gain from your experience in this program?

**NDNSS**

1. How has your personal/family shaped your educational/career goals? How has your Native American community influenced you? What or who has motivated you to pursue your college degree? What difficulties have you overcome to get to college?

2. From the program description on pages 1 and 2 of this application, please explain what component(s) of the NDNSS program you believe will be the most beneficial to you as a new student at PSU. How will participation in the NDNSS program help enable you to give back to the Native community?
If you have applied for financial aid you **DO NOT** need to fill out this form.

2016-2017 Budget of Income and Expenses

**Expenses for 2016/2017**

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Please list the amounts you expect to receive for the 2016/2017 academic year.

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Are you currently employed?  _______ Yes  _______ No

Please add any additional information:
SUBMIT ALL APPLICATIONS TO:

Diversity and Multicultural Student Services
Smith Memorial Student Union 425
Mail code: DMSS
Portland State University
PO Box 751
Portland, OR 97207-0751

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Checklist for the Fall Term 2016 Competition:

- I have applied for admission to Portland State or I am currently admitted for Fall 2016.
- A completed application form.
- The required essays.
- A copy of my high-school unofficial transcript.
- A copy of my financial aid award (if available) or a statement of my financial need with a budget of income and expenses.

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