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**Diversity Enrichment Scholarship
Program Application
2012-2013**

Application Deadline: Application MUST be in our office, SMSU 425, on or before February 1, 2012, by 5:00 p.m.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Diversity Enrichment Scholarship is to attract students from diverse backgrounds and experiences, including racial and ethnic backgrounds that are traditionally underrepresented in higher education. Program participants enrich the diversity of the campus learning environment. These students share their unique strengths and diverse perspectives through their involvement in on-campus activities, in the classroom, and through their participation in community service. The Diversity Enrichment Scholarship is a tuition-remission credit in the amount of resident tuition **excluding fees.**

Eligibility requirements:

- High-school students with fewer than 30 college credits or GED completion (55 total score)
- Current PSU undergraduates or incoming transfer students, with a minimum of 30 college credits but **no more than 160 credits**, and a 2.50 college-level GPA
- Students must be working to complete their first bachelor's degree
- Admission to Portland State starting no later than fall term 2012

Selection Criteria:

The scholarship is awarded to students who best exemplify the purpose of the Diversity Enrichment Scholarship. Priority for the Diversity Enrichment Scholarship is given to Oregon residents with financial need as defined by federal guidelines and who are "first-generation" college students (neither parent has a four-year college degree from any country). International students are not eligible for this scholarship.

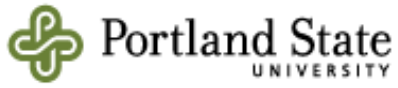
Based on the above description, are you a first-generation student? Yes No

If you are an incoming freshman, will you be graduating from an Oregon High School? Yes No

Have you been admitted to PSU? Yes No **If no, what date did you apply for admissions?** _____

Have you completed and submitted a FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)? Yes No

If no, please complete the financial information form included in this application. If you need assistance completing this form please contact the office of Diversity and Multicultural Student Services.



Race/Ethnicity: You are encouraged to supply this information. However, you may decline without prejudicing your application.

Please check any/all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A – Asian (Country) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> ME – Middle Eastern _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PI – Pacific Islander _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> B – Black (Non-Hispanic) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> H – Hispanic/Latino _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> W – White (Non-Hispanic) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AF – African - (North, South, East, or West) | <input type="checkbox"/> O – Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I – American Indian or Alaskan Native _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> D – Decline to respond |

A. Essay (required) – Print or type your name and student identification number on each page

Please provide short answers (150 words or fewer for each question) to all of the following questions:

1. Please provide a brief statement regarding how your diversity impacts your daily life.
2. How has your diversity (cultural heritage, socio-economic background, family, work, and/or school experiences etc.) contributed to who you are today and your pursuit of a college education?
3. What financial challenges do you anticipate in pursuing your college education?
4. How do you plan to pay for your college education? (Scholarships, savings, working, family help)

Note: Think about and write your answers carefully. Your responses are important in the selection process. Please have your essay reviewed for grammar, content, and spelling by at least two individuals.

B. Recommendations

Please ask two people not related to you but who know about your academic ability and potential for college to write a letter of recommendation on your behalf.

Recommendation letters should come from people who are familiar with your academic abilities, achievements, community involvement, and/or potential for college success. One recommendation should be from a teacher/professor, counselor/adviser, or principal. The other recommendation should be from an employer or community member. Recommendations should not come from an immediate family member, classmate, peer, or friend. Please have the writer include the following information: academic capabilities, motivation, personal characteristics, experiences, and achievements. Be sure that they include the following on all letters: student's name, own name and title, relationship to student.

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

School (clubs, government, sports, etc.)

Dates

Community (family obligations, religious group participation, club membership, volunteer activities, etc.)

Dates

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

Awards and honors

Special talents or interests

E. Financial Information

Are you currently employed? Yes No | If yes, who is your employer? _____

What is the average number of hours you work per week? _____

Does your employer provide tuition assistance? Yes No | If yes, what is the amount \$_____

Please list your current financial status and the projected income/ expenses as specified below.

Please list your total projected earnings from working in 2011. \$_____

Please project your earnings through the academic year 2012/2013. \$_____

If your parent/spouse/other has supported you in the last year, what is the relationship and the amount?

Relationship _____ \$_____

Please list current "outside sources" of additional funding for school and projected "outside sources" of additional funding for school for the 2012/2013 academic year.

Academic Year 2012 - 2013

Personal Loans \$_____

Scholarships \$_____

Scholarships \$_____

Other funds _____ \$_____

Other funds _____ \$_____

As of today, what is your (and spouse's) total current balance of

Cash _____ Savings _____ Checking _____

Debts Owning to: Amount owed

Please list all present educational debts and amount owed:

_____ \$_____

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Estimated total educational cost to attend PSU for academic year 2012 - 2013: \$_____

Please use the space below or attach a separate sheet to describe and clarify any financial issues, expenses, or constraints that are not addressed in the section above and to explain any significant (>\$1,000) changes to your financial need for the upcoming 2012 - 2013 academic year.

Checklist for the 2012 – 2013 Diversity Scholarship Competition

- Applied for admission to Portland State or currently a regularly admitted student
- Completed and signed this scholarship application form
- Answered all the required essay questions
- The following transcript(s) are included with this application:
 - I am a high-school senior and I have attached a copy of my high-school transcript
 - I am a college student and I have attached a copy of all my college-level transcripts
(Copies of unofficial transcripts are acceptable)
- Two letters of recommendation

I hereby authorize Portland State University to furnish copies of my academic record, this application, and letters of recommendation to the PSU Diversity Enrichment Scholarship Committee to review in considering my application.

I further authorize release of information for publicity purposes (if selected for a scholarship).

Applicant's Signature

Date

PSU supports equal opportunity in admissions, education, and use of facilities by prohibiting discrimination in those areas based on race, color, creed or religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, physical or mental handicap, or veteran status.

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

Portland State offers a wide variety of scholarships to meet the needs of our diverse student body with scholarships based on:

- Academic achievement
- Financial need
- Diverse and unique backgrounds
- Leadership skills
- Specific major and career choices
- First generation status
- Service to school and community
- Disabilities

For more information please visit the following website: <http://www.pdx.edu/scholarships>