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Diversity Enrichment Scholarship Program Application Fall Term 2010-2011

Application Deadline: (Mailed, Faxed, Delivered): In our office SMSU 425 by February 1, 2010, by 5:00 p.m.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Diversity Enrichment Scholarship is to attract outstanding students from diverse backgrounds and experiences, including racial and ethnic backgrounds that are traditionally underrepresented in higher education. Program participants are students who contribute to the campus learning environment. These students share their unique strengths and diverse perspectives through their involvement in on-campus activities and participation in community service.

Eligibility requirements:

High-school graduates with fewer than 30 college credits or GED completion (55 total score) who have been admitted to PSU or Undergraduate students with more than 30 college credits but no more than 160 credits with a 2.50 college-level GPA.

Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) submitted to the federal processor. Portland State University (school code 003216) must be listed as a recipient of the processed application information. Please attach a copy of the award notice from Portland State if available.

Selection Criteria:

The scholarship is awarded to students who best exemplify the goals 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 4-year college degree from a U.S. university).

The Diversity Enrichment Scholarship is a tuition-remission credit in the amount of resident instructional fees. All Diversity Enrichment Scholarship recipients must hold U.S. citizenship or permanent residency status, enroll for at least 12 credit hours each term, and maintain specific academic requirements to continue the award. This award supports students completing their first bachelor's degree.

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

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes No **Are you an Oregon Resident?** Yes No

Name: _____ **SID:** _____
First Middle Initial Last

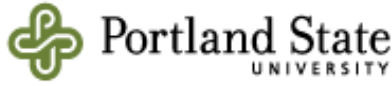
Mailing Address: _____ **Telephone:** ____ / _____
Street Address

_____ **Cell Phone:** ____ / _____
City State Zip

_____ **Birth date:** ____ - ____ - ____
Primary Email Address

M/F: ____ **Permanent Resident:** _____
Card Number Issue Date

Date or Term Admitted to PSU _____ **If admitted with conditions, please list the conditions:** _____



High School Attended: _____ Graduation Date: _____ GPA _____
Name City/State

College(s) Attended _____ Date _____ Credit Hours _____

College Credits Total: _____ GPA: _____ Major: _____

Intended Major(s): _____

Have you been formally admitted to the Maseeh College of Engineering & Computer Science? Yes No

Have you been formally admitted to the School of Business? Yes No

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
- 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
- Some college/Associate's degree
- High school/GED
- Did not graduate from high school
- Unknown

Race/Ethnicity: You are encouraged to supply this information. However, you may decline without prejudicing your application in anyway. Please check any/all that apply:

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

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

Please answer each question thoroughly.

Limit 250 – 500 per question.

1. Describe a specific instance when you felt marginalized because of your diversity. How did this make you feel and how did you respond? How will you use your experience to encourage dialog and expand perspectives on the Portland State University campus?
2. Discuss how the following have influenced your educational aspirations: cultural heritage, socio-economic background, family, work, and/or school experience. What are your educational goals and career plans?

Note: Think about and write your statements carefully. The selection committee will use your personal statements as one of the criteria in the selection for this scholarship.

B. Please indicate all school and community activities in which you have been involved (Attach a separate sheet if necessary)

School (clubs, government, sports, etc.)

Dates

Community (church, clubs, volunteer, etc.)

Dates

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

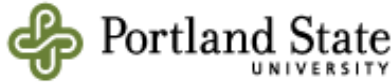
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Special talents or interests

D. 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 potential for college success. One recommendation **must** be from a teacher/professor, counselor/adviser, or principal. The other recommendation **must** be from an employer or community member. Recommendations should not come from a family member. 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.



Checklist for the Fall Term 2010 Competition:

- I have applied for admission to Portland State or am currently a regularly admitted student
- A completed scholarship application form
- The required essay
- The following transcript(s):
 - If I am a high-school senior, a copy of my high-school transcript
 - If I have 30 or more college credits, transcripts of all college-level course work
- A copy of my financial aid award (**if available**) or a statement of my financial need
- 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).

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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, national origin, age, physical or mental handicap, or veteran status.

**Return to: Educational Equity Programs and Services
Smith Memorial Student Union 425
Mail code: EEPS
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. We have 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 Portland State University scholarship visit PSU Online Scholarship Application:

<http://www.pdx.edu/finaid/scholarships.html>