

## **2018-2019 Access, Opportunity, and Success Scholars Program Application**

**This application allows you to be considered for the Access, Opportunity, and Success (AOS) Scholars Program award. Please read the Requirements sections carefully. Deadline: May 15, 2018 by 4:00 PM**

This award is \$2,000 (up to \$4,000 per academic year).

If awarded, the Access, Opportunity, and Success Scholars Program replaces other MSUM academic scholarships (including University, Achievement, Dragon, Valedictorian, and President's Honors) awarded to the recipient.

Continuing scholars will be given priority should funding become available in subsequent years.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- New undergraduate freshman or new transfer student (spring and fall 2018 admits eligible) from a population that is underrepresented at MSUM, who identifies as:
  - African American/Black
  - American Indian/Alaska Native
  - Asian/Pacific Islander
  - Hispanic/Latino
- Preference will be given to students pursuing their first college degree.
- Financial need, as determined by the federal needs analysis calculation and defined by the University, is considered in the selection process. Results of the 2018-2019 FAFSA must be received by the MSUM Office of Scholarship and Financial Aid by the application deadline of May 15, 2018.

### **Recipient Requirements:**

1) All recipients must complete the Dragon Success Plan facilitated through the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Requirements include:

- Meet with student success advisor three times per semester
  - Meet with each of your faculty once per semester
  - Meet with your academic advisor once per semester
  - Attend 2 events each semester
- 2) Maintain satisfactory academic progress according to Access, Opportunity, and Success Scholars Program requirements:
- As a freshman, you must earn at least a 2.2 GPA every semester.
  - Sophomores and above must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA or higher every semester.
  - Complete a minimum of 12 credits per semester, totaling 24 credits per academic year (fall and spring semesters).
- 3) The majority of credits in a given semester must be taken on campus at Minnesota State University Moorhead. Students who meet all other AOS Scholars Program requirements may still be eligible to receive funding while studying abroad.

Compliance with requirements will be reviewed each semester for award renewal.

Awards may be renewed in subsequent semesters (fall or spring) depending on availability of funds, completion of the Dragon Success Plan, and academic performance.

### **Required Application Documents:**

*Your application will be considered if the following documents and application form are received or postmarked by 4:00 PM, May 15, 2018:*

- Submit a typed essay, 1-2 pages double spaced, responding to the following questions:
  - Describe what eligibility requirement(s) you meet and what is unique about you in relation to the eligibility criteria.
  - Why do you think you'll be successful at MSUM? What system(s) do you have for support through college?
  - MSUM's core values are grit, humility, and heart. Describe how you have demonstrated these values in your life.
- Submit this completed application form.

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*Please read the "Required Application Documents" section carefully.  
Your application will not be considered if any of the required documents are missing.*

## Applicant Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dragon ID \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Intended Minor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## Academic Experience (include high school and college):

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Attendance \_\_\_\_\_ Major (college) \_\_\_\_\_ Degree (college) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please attach an additional sheet listing academic experiences if more than two.*

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