

Minnesota State University Moorhead Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship Application

Spring 2018 Application Deadline: December 1, 2017

Depending on funding and qualifications, students may be considered for the following scholarships by completing this application:

Diversity Scholarship, Rainbow Scholarship, Helen Roberti Scholarship, George Soule Scholarship, Katheryn Colliton Memorial Scholarship, Elvina Loftness Endowment, and Joseph Thorman Hispanic Scholarship.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Dragon ID _____ Date of Birth: _____

Current Year in College _____ Major(s) _____

High School Attended _____ City _____ State __ Year Graduated/GED ____

Optional Information (for scholarships with specific requirements):

Race/Ethnicity: _____

Tribal Affiliation (if applicable): _____

Gender Identity: _____ Sexual Orientation: _____

REQUIRED ESSAY

1-2 pages addressing the following (attach to application):

- *How will an education from MSUM enrich your personal life and help you reach your career goals?*
- *Describe your cultural background and/or experience in leadership, service, or work for equity in historically underrepresented communities.*

Please select the boxes that correspond with the scholarships for which you would like to apply. You will only be considered for the scholarships you select below:

Diversity Scholarship

Eligibility: Undergraduate or graduate student who is from a population that is underrepresented at MSUM, who identifies as: African American/Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, and/or Hispanic/Latinx. Preference will be given to students pursuing their first college degree. One semester award. Must re-apply to be considered for future semesters.

Rainbow Scholarship

Eligibility: Identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community and/or demonstrate leadership or service for the LGBTQ+ community. One semester award. Must re-apply to be considered for future semesters.

Helen Roberti Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Must be of American Indian descent (tribal enrollment not required)
- *First priority* funding will be given to graduate students pursuing a master's degree in education or counseling and student affairs. *Second priority* funding will be given to undergraduate students planning to enroll in a master's degree in education, counseling and student affairs, law, medicine, or other advanced degree programs. *Third priority* funding will be given to students seeking an undergraduate degree.
- Maintain full-time enrollment status (8 or more credits for graduate, 12 or more credits for undergraduate)
- Have/maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA each semester
- Must sign an agreement to complete the Office of Diversity and Inclusion Dragon Success Plan
- All majors will be considered
- May be renewed for subsequent semesters

George Soule Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Must be of American Indian descent (tribal enrollment not required)
- Maintain full-time enrollment status (8 or more credits for graduate, 12 or more credits for undergraduate)
- Have/maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA each semester
- Must sign an agreement to complete the Office of Diversity and Inclusion Dragon Success Plan
- All majors will be considered
- May be renewed for subsequent semesters

Katheryn Colliton Memorial Scholarship

Eligibility: Native American student, with preference given to students in the Honors program. Created as a gift to support students and the work of the university. One semester award. Must re-apply to be considered for future semesters.

Elvina Loftness Endowment

Eligibility: Native American student of Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Created in memory of Palma Nelson Loftness. One semester award. Must re-apply to be considered for future semesters.

Joseph Thorman Hispanic Scholarship

Eligibility: Hispanic student from the Pharr/San Juan/Alamo School District in South Texas. Upperclass applicants must have a 3.5 GPA at the time of application. Incoming applicants must be graduating in the top 25% of their high school class. Must maintain 12 credits per semester. Designed to empower and inspire Hispanic students. One semester award. Must re-apply to be considered for future semesters.

With my signature below, I hereby authorize MSUM officials to release personal, educational, and financial application results that will assist the MSUM scholarship review group in the awarding process in conjunction with my scholarship application. I understand that MSUM awards most scholarships based on the expectation that a student will progress toward their degree on a full-time basis (12 credits per semester). If I am not enrolled as a full-time student for each academic term for which a scholarship is intended, I understand that my awarded scholarship(s) may be pro-rated or revoked based upon my enrollment after the census date of each term. I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, it is only for the term(s) indicated in my award letter from the MSUM Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Statements supporting this scholarship application will be maintained in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return completed application to:

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