Diversity Recruitment Scholarship

The Diversity Recruitment Scholarship is a one-time award of $3000 intended to assist students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds in pursuing a future in classroom teaching. This scholarship is open to students completing teacher licensure through their education, including both undergraduate and graduate students.

The Targeted Recruitment Scholarship Committee encourages applicants from traditionally underrepresented groups pursuing licensure in the following areas:

- Elementary Education
- Secondary & K-12 Education
- Special Education

CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS:

1. A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0

2. Ability to successfully demonstrate diversity experience and membership of a traditionally underrepresented group in teaching, including, but not limited to:
   - First generation college students
   - Low socio-economic status
   - Diverse ethnic and/or linguistic backgrounds
   - Males pursuing licensure in high need areas (e.g. STEM, Special Education, Elementary Education)
   - Females pursuing licensure in STEM education

3. Students must be attending MSU full time during the 2014-15 academic year.

5. Two letters of recommendation including leadership experiences, community service and personal characteristics (If applicable, one recommendation is preferred from a Minnesota State University faculty member).

6. Essay submission (2 pg. max/12 pt. font.) stating qualifications and need. Other areas for consideration to address:
   - What inspires you to become a classroom teacher?
   - As a future teacher, describe what educational equity means to you.
   - How has diverse experiences prepared you to become a culturally compatible teacher to educate all students?
   - How will this scholarship benefit you and others?

7. Copy of last Financial Aid Award Letter/Bill. If not receiving FA, please explain in your letter how you will be paying for your college education.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1st

Further information or questions may be addressed to:
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