

<u>President's Diversity Excellence Scholarship</u> <u>General Information / Instructions</u>

The President's Diversity Excellence Scholarship recognizes academic achievement and potential of students who, through sharing their varied cultural perspectives, will enhance the education of all CNU students and the excellence of the University. CNU offers these full tuition scholarships to incoming freshmen students at the College of Health Sciences (CNUCHS) as part of our diversity mission.

The President's Diversity Excellence Scholarship annual award covers full tuition, fees, health insurance, and textbooks. The scholarship is renewable for the duration of the undergraduate degree at CNUCHS, as long as the student maintain a 3.0 GPA each term while enrolled at the college. This scholarship cannot be combined with any other scholarship offered by the University.

Eligibility Requirements

- You must <u>apply for admission to CNUCHS by November 30</u>, of each calendar year in order to be considered for next academic cycle's scholarship.
- Scholarship application is due on December 15 of each calendar year.
- You must identify yourself as Black/African American, Hispanic, or Latino
- All applicants must have a cumulative incoming HS GPA of 3.00 or higher to be considered.
- Only US Citizens or Permanent Resident students are eligible to receive the President's Diversity Excellence Scholarship.
- Scholarship students must be at least 18 years of age by the time they start classes at CNUCHS.

How to Apply

Students must:

- Complete the President's Diversity Excellence Scholarship application by December 15 of each calendar year, including the Letter of Introduction and Financial Statements (instructions on the application).
- Submit a letter of reference written by a school official, teacher, member of a community organization or employer who familiar with the details you outline in your Letter of Introduction and/or Financial Statement.
- Submit High School transcripts for all students with less than 20 college credits since graduating from high school. ACT or SAT scores may also be submitted if available.
 Please note: applicants are responsible for submitting transcripts with the scholarship application
 - materials. This application process is separate from the admissions process. Transcripts may be unofficial, since the official transcripts are submitted during the application for admission's process.

Selection Criteria

Scholarship recipients are selected by the President's Diversity Excellence Scholarship selection committee based on the following criteria:

- Past academic performance
- Participation in campus or community activities
- An individual's ability to contribute to diversity



- Preference is given to students with financial need as described in the financial statement
- Preference is given to first generation of the family to attend college
- Preference is given to California residents

Scholarship Renewal

To maintain scholarship eligibility, student must:

- Maintain full-time student status unless otherwise authorized by the Dean of the College
- Maintain a minimum of 3.00 CNUCHS GPA every term
- Maintain good academic and conduct standing
- Make satisfactory progress toward completion of a degree
- Meet regularly with the scholarship advisor

Scholarship Timelines

- Apply to CNUCHS by November 30 of each calendar year
- Submit your President's Diversity Excellence Scholarship Application by December 15 of each calendar year
- Results will be released no later than January 15

Additional Information

- Students must maintain their own transportation between home and campus
- It is highly recommended that students do not work off campus during their enrollment, however work study is available through CNU to scholarship students up to a maximum of 20 hours per week
- While not required, it is highly recommended that students begin their first term with the college during the summer session (tuition is covered by the scholarship)
- All students must have internet and computer access. For students who do not have access to such resources, they may apply for additional assistance through the President's Diversity Excellence Scholarship application



<u>President's Diversity Excellence Scholarship</u> Application Form

All information must be complete for application to be processed. Read all instructions before answering the questions. Incomplete applications will not be considered, nor returned to the applicant. Only typed materials will be accepted.

Checklist

Make sure to attach to this application the following documents:

Letter of Introduction: Explain in detail your future goals, provide a glimpse of your life story and let us know why you are applying to this scholarship opportunity

Financial statement (see Part B)

High school unnofficial transcript. Also, submit any college transcripts if it is the case. SAT and ACT scores are optional

Two letters of recommendation from non-family members

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION (Application Form + Letter of Introduction) VIA

EMAIL TO: chs.studentaffairs@cnsu.edu

Use the following subject line:

ATTN -PRESIDENT'S DIVERSITY EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

You may also send a hard copy to: CNUCHS STUDENT AFFAIRS ATTN PRESIDENT'S DIVERSITY EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE 2920 Prospect Park Drive. Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

For more information about the CNU College of Health Sciences Continuing Student Need-Based Scholarship, please contact chs.studentffairs@cnsu.edu or you may call us at (916) 686-7418.



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APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION: Legal Name: Student ID: Personal Email: CNSU Email: Local Address: Home Address: Cell Phone: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Ethnicity: African American Hispanic Latino (Not Hispanic) First Generation in College? No Transportation? Computer/Laptop? Internet at home? Do you have: **EDUCATION INFORMATION:** High School Attended: GPA: Graduation Year (or planned graduation year): How many college-level credits (if any)? What is your preferred academic interest (course of study, or subject)? **EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:** If you are currently working, please provide your employer's name: Are you interested in working on campus? Yes Part B **<u>Letter of Introduction</u>**: On a separate page please detail your reasons for applying for this scholarship. Explain your place/membership in your ethnic community. What are your goals and plans, and how will education at CNUCHS help you to realize them? Financial Statement: On a separate page please detail your financial situation. With or without this scholarship, how do you plan to pay for college? What types of financial aid (private educational loans, other scholarships, etc.) have you applied for/received? Explain how this scholarship will enable you to take the next steps toward your academic and career goal. I have read the instructions and certify that the above information provided in the application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Print Name Date

Signature