PSU Graduate School of Education

2011-2012 Teach for Diversity Scholarship

Application

The intent of Teach for Diversity Scholarships is to increase the diversity of the K-12 teacher and counselor workforce by supporting students working toward initial licensure who bring diverse experiences and are committed to teaching/counseling in diverse settings.

Funds for these scholarships are made possible through a state allocation. Availability of scholarships is determined year to year. Scholarships for 2011-12 may range from $1000-$3000 (applies toward tuition only), with monies payable over winter, spring, and/or summer terms. Number of awards: approximately 10-20. Awards will be made within a few weeks of the application deadline.

To be considered you **must** be admitted to a program within the Graduate School of Education and **must** meet eligibility requirements outlined below. **Application deadline: Wednesday, December 14, 2011. Applicants will be considered ONLY if application is complete, accurate, and submitted by the deadline.**

Name_____ PSU ID _____
Last First MI

Address _____
City State Zip

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ E-mail _____

Specific GSE Program_____ Expected #credits/term _____ Term/year admitted _____

Previous Bachelor's Degree: School _____ Major _____ GPA _____

Eligibility Criteria. Students who:

- Are admitted to a GSE program for initial K-12 teaching license or school counseling license
- Bring diverse experiences
- Have previous work/volunteer experience with diverse and disenfranchised populations
- Indicate a commitment to work in educational settings that serve disenfranchised people
- Demonstrate financial need

NOTE: Copies of materials from previous application files cannot be provided.

Application process:

- **Complete this application form and the attached Confidential Financial Report. Include pertinent information about your financial constraints on the financial report.**
- **Include a photocopy of your student financial aid report summary sheet or a screen print from the PSU Financial Aid Office showing the FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (EFC). (File a FAFSA if you have not already done so.)**
- **Include photocopies of undergraduate and any graduate transcripts. These transcripts should show degrees earned and final cumulative GPA. (Be sure to write your GPA on the application form.)**
- **Write a one page or less than 500 word personal statement indicating your qualifications for this scholarship. Include educational goals, relevant experience, and community service.**
- **Include two professional letters of support from people such as teachers/supervisors who can speak to this scholarship criteria. These letters should be written specifically for this application and/or be recent and speak to this criteria.**
- **Statements and letters of support may be shared.**

Bring or mail your completed application to (do not leave it with another department):

Office of the Associate Dean
Graduate School of Education, 608 ED
Portland State University
P.O. Box 751