

Diversity AWARD

APPLICATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15, 2010

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME _____ STUDENT I.D. NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

MAJOR AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO _____ UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATE

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The Columbia College Chicago **Diversity Award** was established to encourage students to focus on the importance of diversity in higher education as preparation for life in a global society. Scholarship winners are announced in the Spring of each academic year. The total amount of the award is \$5,000 for one academic year; \$2,500 awarded in Fall 2010 and \$2,500 to be awarded in Spring 2011. The Diversity Award is applied toward tuition and fee expenses only.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Students who meet the following criteria are invited to apply:

- Students must be enrolled full-time
- Completion (at the time of application) of 12 semester hours of coursework for undergraduate and 9 semester hours of coursework for graduate students at Columbia College Chicago
- Students must have earned a cumulative grade point average at Columbia College Chicago of 3.0 or above
- Students must be U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents

HOW TO APPLY

- A completed Columbia College Chicago Diversity Award Application
- A current Student Aid Report (SAR)*
- One Faculty and Staff Recommendation Form (see attached) to be completed by a faculty member or administrator of Columbia College Chicago
- One Diversity Initiative Recommendation Form (see attached) to be completed by a program director, church or community based organization administrator that comments on your current involvement in a diversity initiative
- An unofficial copy of your Columbia College Chicago transcript. Unofficial copies can be obtained through OASIS at <http://oasis.colum.edu>
- A one-page biography that tells the committee something about you, your background and your life goals
- A three-to-five page essay that describes the importance of diversity in the higher education setting, particularly as it pertains to the culture of Columbia College Chicago. Your essay must be typed, double-spaced on 8 ½" x 11" paper and must include your name and OASIS ID number in the upper right-hand corner of each page. Please staple your essay and biography to your application.

*To receive a Student Aid Report (SAR), students must have completed a financial aid application, available through fafsa.ed.gov/ after January 1st of each year.

SCHOLARSHIP TERMS

- Applications for the Columbia College Chicago Diversity Award must be received by the Office of Multicultural Affairs by February 15, 2010 for review by the Scholarship Committee
- The maximum award is \$5,000 for the academic year; \$2,500 awarded in Fall 2010 and \$2,500 in Spring 2011
- The Columbia College Chicago Diversity Award can be applied toward tuition and fee expenses only
- The rules governing other sources of financial aid (federal, state, institutional and other grants, gifts or loans) will apply
- Student must be enrolled full-time at the time of application and must maintain full-time enrollment during the 2010-2011 academic year

Note: Only complete applications can be considered for the award

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION BY FEBRUARY 15, 2010 TO:

**MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICE
COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO
618 SOUTH MICHIGAN, 4TH FLOOR
CHICAGO, IL 60605-1996**

I certify that the statements made in this application are true and that the essay submitted is my own composition. I hereby grant permission to the scholarship committee to review such documents as necessary to make a determination of my qualifications, including but not limited to, my Student Air Report (SAR), and my academic transcripts

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Diversity Award Scholarship

DIVERSITY INITIATIVE RECOMMENDATION FORM

Columbia

C O L L E G E C H I C A G O

Office of Multicultural Affairs

Candidate Name: _____

The Diversity Award was established to encourage students to focus on the importance of diversity in higher education as preparation for life in a global society. Involvement in a diversity initiative is one component that is required of all Diversity Award applicants. Please answer the questions below. Feel free to write your requests in a separate letter.

1. How long have you known the candidate and in what capacity?

2. Please describe the candidate's current involvement in a diversity initiative in your organization (ie. youth ministry, cultural programming, social justice advocacy, etc.) and how their involvement with your organization contributed to their perspective about the importance of diversity.

3. What other comments would you like to share regarding the candidate's appreciation and dedication to diversity that makes them eligible to receive this scholarship?

REFERENCE NAME (PRINT): _____

POSITION: _____ DEPARTMENT: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please submit this recommendation in a sealed, signed envelope. All recommendations are due with the application by 5:00pm on Monday, February 15, 2010. Columbia College Chicago, 618 S. Michigan Ave., 4th floor, Chicago, IL 60605

