



MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Tomorrow's Healthcare Team

MWU Institutional Scholarships

Scholarship Maintenance

VSP Global Diversity Admissions Scholarship

Description

The VSP Global Diversity Admissions Scholarship is awarded to optometry students of color who have been accepted at either the Chicago College of Optometry (CCO) or Arizona College of Optometry (AZCOPT). One \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded per year, alternating between CCO and AZCOPT. However, for the 22-23 scholarship cycle there will be an award for each campus in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Students must be an underrepresented minority as defined by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Students must matriculate in the year in which the scholarship is available for that program/campus.

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Eligibility

Enrolled Student Class Year at Time of Application: ❌ 1st year ❌ 2nd year ❌ 3rd year ❌ 4th year

Student Programs: None

Deposited Applicant Program at Time of Application:

Optometry

Eligibility Criteria:

- Deposited, **incoming Optometry student** for matriculation year in which funds are available for that program
- Student is an **underrepresented minority** (as defined by HRSA), falling into one or more of the following categories:
 - **American Indian or Alaska Native:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition
 - **Black or African American:** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa
 - **Hispanic or Latino:** A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin without regard to race

- **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands

Minimum GPA

Criteria/Requirements

Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis to eligible student applicants based on the following criteria:

- Past academic performance/GPA
- Essay: Submit a 200-word or less essay demonstrating commitment to diversity through leadership roles, past academic projects/research, participation in working with underrepresented groups, employment, and/or community service activities
- Preference will be given to first-generation college students
- Demonstrated financial need. Students must have completed the Financial Aid application process so that financial need can be evaluated.

Uploads












- AZ Dental Diversity Essay
- AZ Dent MC Heritage Essay
- Bien-Air Dental Schlrsbp
- Pod Commit Essay
- Comm Srvc Essay
- Dobbelaere Essay
- Doseck Memorial Schlrsbp
- Osborn Dental Essay
- Excel Essay
- Opt Excell Essay
- Faculty Memorial Essay
- Fam Info Essay
- Fin Lit Essay
- IDA Glendale Essay
- Ivoclar Vivadent Essay
- Karla Purdy Essay
- Ldrshp Essay

Short Answer

- Acad of Gen Dentistry
- Children
- Comm Srvc/Ldrshp
- Extracurr Act
- Hrdshp Stmnt
- StuGov & Am Stu Dent Assoc

Questions (Y/N, Select)

- AZ Born/AZ AICM
- AZ Res
- First Generation
- Pract Location
- Marital Stat
- Milit Affil
- Underrep Minority
- LOR

-  Opt Ldrshp Essay
-  Diversity Essay
-  Personal Statement
-  Peter Murphy Essay
-  Pod Wound Essay
-  Pod Gen Med Essay
-  AZ Pract Essay
-  Tucson OM Essay
-  Vet Med Essay
-  Fam Photo
-  Pers Photo

Terms

The application and completed essay must be received by the Student Financial Services office no later than **\$stuClose_prettyDueTime** on **\$stuClose_prettyDueDate**.

Scholarship recipients are expected to maintain satisfactory academic progress and follow the moral and ethical standards of conduct that are outlined in the "Code of Responsibilities and Rights of the Students of MWU" in Appendix 1 of the MWU Student Handbook.

If selected, the recipients are asked to agree to the release of name, a short bio and photo as a recipient in any Midwestern University announcements concerning this scholarship program.

THE APPLICATION FOR THE VSP GLOBAL DIVERSITY ADMISSIONS SCHOLARSHIP DOES NOT CONSTITUTE EITHER AN OFFER OR CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION ON THE PART OF MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY TO GRANT THE SCHOLARSHIP.

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