



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

APPLICATION FOR HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS PROGRAM

THE GRADUATE COLLEGE
DIVERSITY PROGRAM
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KALAMAZOO, MI 49008-5242
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1. To be eligible for a Historically Underrepresented Groups Assistantship or Fellowship, applicants must satisfy the following requirements: a) possess United States citizenship; b) secure admission to a doctoral degree program; c) derive from African-American, Hispanic, or Native American (with tribal affiliation) heritage (proof of ethnicity may be requested) and d) receive a written recommendation for the assistantship or grant, authored by the admitting academic unit. **Assistantships or fellowships are awarded only to students enrolling in doctoral programs.** The awards are tailored to each individual and can be made in conjunction with other awards.
2. To apply for the Historically Underrepresented Groups Program, an application for admission to a doctoral level program must be submitted to the Office of Admissions and Orientation. Admission to a graduate program is not required for students to apply for the Historically Underrepresented Groups Program; however, admission is required for students to actually be awarded the assistantship or fellowship.
3. To maintain the assistantship or fellowship, the student must a) maintain good academic standing (3.25 GPA or above) and b) register for at least six credit hours each fall and winter semester and three credit hours each spring and summer session.
4. This award may include a partial in-state tuition grant of \$800.00 and, for non-residents of Michigan, up to 18 hours of the out-of-state portion of the tuition. Departmental service of up to 20 hours per week or teaching assignments may be required.
5. Complete this application, filling in all requested information, and submit it to The Graduate College/ Diversity Program. Although applications can be accepted at any time, priority will be given to those who apply by **February 15. Incomplete applications (including those submitted without transcripts and/or reference letters) will not be reviewed.**

Social Security Number

Signature

Date

Name (print)

• Name: _____
Last First Middle Maiden

• Local Address : _____ ()
Street City State Zip Phone no.

• Permanent Address: _____ ()
Street City State Zip Phone no.

• E-mail Address: _____

• Country of Citizenship: _____

• State in which you claim residence: _____

• This information is needed from Historically Underrepresented Groups Program applicants for statistical reporting to state and federal agencies.

African-American, Black Hispanic

Native American/Alaskan (Must also submit tribal affiliation)

Gender: Male Female

• WMU doctoral degree program (curriculum) to which you have applied or been admitted:

• For which academic term are you applying to begin this award? fall _____
winter _____
spring _____
summer _____

• Number of graduate credits you expect to have completed before the beginning of the semester of the academic year for which you are applying: _____

• Scholarships held to date _____

• Other honors received _____

• Publications: _____

- List all educational institutions attended since high school, including Western Michigan University. **IMPORTANT: attach copies of transcripts from each institution.** Student copies of transcripts are accepted.

Institution	State	Dates of Attendance	Degree Received or Expected
_____	_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____	_____ to _____	_____

- Professional experience (Provide names of employers, dates of employment, and type of work)

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

- Two persons other than those writing letters of reference who have given you permission to use their names as references.

_____	_____	()
Name	Address	Phone no.

_____	_____	()
Name	Address	Phone no.

IMPORTANT: submit two letters of reference.

Have two former instructors or professors acquainted with your academic abilities submit letters commenting on your potential for graduate study. If such references are not available, students should provide letters of recommendation from two individuals who can attest to their academic capability in a graduate level program: employers, clergy, business associates, etc. The two letters of recommendation must be sent along with this application. A reference who wishes to submit a confidential recommendation may include the letter in a sealed envelope, signed across the closed envelope flap.

Describe briefly (in approximately 200 words) your plans for graduate study: (a) Define your professional goals, (b) explain why you are planning to pursue them, and (c) indicate how your planned program of study will help to achieve your professional goals.

Signature of Applicant

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