



# Rieke Leadership Award

The Rieke Leadership Award was established in 1988 by President William O. Rieke to reaffirm the University's commitment to inclusiveness and diversity. Recipients of the award are men and women of any ethnic background who demonstrate their leadership in promoting racial and ethnic diversity at Pacific Lutheran University and beyond. Pacific Lutheran University recognizes the contributions such leaders make in our society by awarding them gifts of up to \$2500 to support their pursuit of higher education.

Recipients of the award are expected to participate actively in curricular and co-curricular activities in a multi-ethnic context. Each Rieke Award recipient will work with Pacific Lutheran University's Diversity Center. There is an expected time commitment of three hours per week for the academic year, which is structured around self-exploration around issues of social justice and diversity. Hours will be checked at the end of each semester. Through involvement in the Diversity Center, award recipients will enrich the fabric of university life while increasing their own leadership skills.

### Who may apply?

Any fulltime under-graduate students with demonstrated leadership and/or active involvement in activities within a multi-ethnic context, including but not limited to activities in the African-American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian American, Pacific Islander or Native American communities.

### Restrictions

- **Renewal of the award is NOT automatic.** A *complete* application packet must be submitted for consideration for each academic year.
- The information in the application must be no more than 2 years old.
- **Application deadlines are firm. It is the applicant's responsibility to meet the deadlines as they are stated.**
- Recipients must be full-time students.
- Recipients must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.
- **The Selection Committee's decision is final.**

Entering students from the PLU MESA program will provide the PLU MESA program with three hours of documented time in lieu of three hours at the PLU Diversity Center. Continuing students who were originally recipients through the MESA program may be requested to provide assistance at two MESA events throughout the academic year.

### Application Procedure

All applicants must submit:

- An application form
- First time applicants must include two letters of reference from individuals who can provide an official evaluation of your leadership activities in a multi-ethnic context, such as teachers, professors, pastors, multi-ethnic community leaders and/or guidance counselors. Letters from family members will NOT be considered. Letters of reference must have been written within the last six months prior to the date of application.
- Typed essays of 500 words or less answering the following questions:
  - a) Why are you applying for a Rieke Leadership Award? Include an explanation of your commitment to multi-ethnic diversity.
  - b) How do help or serve others in your local community, school and/or family? How will you play a role in the PLU community and the community that you choose to live in after graduation?
  - c) Describe a topic or activity of importance to you. This may be a favorite topic you read or study in your free time, involvement in a particular cultural group, or a special hobby. With whom do you share the experience and/ or information you have gained?
  - d) **For Returning Students Only**-How has your commitment as a Rieke Scholar in previous year(s) influenced the PLU community? What have you participated in that has promoted social change, leadership, and diversity?

*Completed applications and questions should be directed to:*

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### Deadlines:

First-round application deadline

for students entering Fall

Semester

**March 1**

Application deadline for

continuing students is

**April 1**

# Rieke Leadership Award Application Form

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT**

Entering Student     Continuing Student     Transfer Student  
**Class:**  Freshman     Sophomore     Junior     Senior

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_ Local Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number or PLU Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Offices and Positions of Leadership \_\_\_\_\_

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School and Community Awards \_\_\_\_\_

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Honors and Awards \_\_\_\_\_

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**LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.  
APPLICANTS MUST BE FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS.**