

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Graduate Scholarship Application

Master of Arts in Education with Residency Certification



Background:

Each year Pacific Lutheran University awards scholarships ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 to new applicants in the MAE CERT program. The number and amount of the scholarships vary depending on the qualifications of the candidates. The scholarships aim to increase the number of under-represented students in the program and classroom, and support those who plan to teach in high need areas.

Eligibility:

Students applying to the MAE CERT program may apply for this scholarship. Preference will be given to under-represented students, specifically minority students and/or students seeking an endorsement in a high need area. (i.e. math, science, special education or English language learners). The applicant must:

- Have a 3.25 minimum cumulative GPA in a previous degree, on a 4.0 scale

Application Procedure:

To apply for the Excellence in Education Graduate Scholarship, please submit the following items by no later than February 1:

1. A completed application to study in the MAE CERT program
2. Excellence in Education Graduate Scholarship application form
3. An essay following the prompt on the scholarship application. The essay should be no more than 5 pages, double-spaced. Please reference your name on each page.
4. A letter of recommendation that addresses your community, civic, and multicultural engagement. This is a separate letter of recommendation from the two you will submit with your program application. Please use the form attached to send to your recommender, and ask that the form be returned by February 1. It can be sent via mail or email, however email is preferred.

Send or Email Application Materials to:

Graduate Programs
Pacific Lutheran University
12180 Park Avenue South
Tacoma, WA 98447
Phone: 253-535-7151
Email: gradadmission@plu.edu

Application due date:

Priority will be given to those applications received by February 1.

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Applicant Information

Full Name
Last/First Name / Middle

Email

Phone

Program year:

Gender (optional) Male Female

Ethnic Origin and Racial Identity (optional)

Are you Hispanic or Latino? Yes No

Select one or more of the following:

- American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White

Financial Information

Employer (if applicable):

Do you receive tuition assistance from your employer or other source? Yes No

If yes, how much?

List any other financial assistance you are receiving in order to attend PLU (include information about loans and other aid from all sources):

Essay Question

Please address the following question:

Describe how your diverse experience shaped your understanding of social justice.
Explain how this will influence your future as an educator.

Your essay should be no longer than 5 double spaced pages. Please reference your name on each page.

Signature of Understanding

I attest that the information on this form is accurate. Also by signing this form, I authorize PLU to verify the above information. If at any time the information on this form is deemed falsified by me, I understand that my financial assistance from PLU may be revoked and I may be dismissed from the program.

Signature _____

Date _____