



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

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:

1. A completed application to study in the MAE CERT program must be submitted by January 15.
2. Excellence in Education Graduate Scholarship application form by January 15.
3. An essay addressing the role of diversity in the K-12 classroom, no more than 5 pages, double-spaced, by January 15. 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 January 15.

Send Application Materials to:

Office of Admission—Graduate Programs
Pacific Lutheran University
12180 Park Avenue South
Tacoma, WA 98447

Phone: 253-535-7151

Fax: 253-536-5136

Email: gradadmission@plu.edu

Application due date:

Priority will be given to those applications received by January 15.

Materials may be postmarked, emailed, or faxed by January 15.



APPLICATION FORM

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Name: _____

Program Year: _____

Employer (if applicable): _____

Do you have tuition assistance through your employer? Y N

If so, what percent or amount? _____

Other financial assistance I am receiving in order to attend PLU (include information about loans and other aid from all sources): _____

Gender (optional) Male Female

Ethnic Origin (optional) African American Asian American/Pacific Islanders European American Hispanic American Native American Other _____

Essay Questions

On a separate piece of paper, please address the following:

What role does diversity play in the classroom for K-12 learners?

Signature of Understanding

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 _____

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RECOMMENDATION FOR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

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THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

Please fill out your portion of the recommendation form and give the form to the respondent. Ask the respondent to return the recommendation to you in a sealed envelope, or to send it directly to the PLU Office of Admission, Graduate Programs, 12180 Park Avenue South, Tacoma, WA, 98447. Recommendations may also be sent by email to gradadmission@plu.edu, or by fax to (253) 536-5136.

Name of Applicant: _____ Date: _____
LAST/SURNAME FIRST/GIVEN MIDDLE INITIAL

Address: _____
STREET

Address: _____
CITY STATE /PROVINCE ZIP/POSTAL CODE

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____
(INCLUDING AREA/COUNTRY CODE)

I am applying for admission to the Master of Arts in Education program to begin: Summer Year: _____

CONFIDENTIALITY:

In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), this letter may be viewed by the applicant as part of the admission file, post-matriculation or at the discretion of the department.

I herby give notice to my recommender that I may have access to this recommendation, if I am admitted and matriculated.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (REQUIRED) DATE

THIS PORTION AND THE REVERSE SIDE TO BE COMPLETED BY RESPONDENT

This applicant is applying for a graduate scholarship for the Master of Arts in Education program at PLU. Please attach a letter of recommendation with your assessment of the applicant's community, civic, and/or multicultural engagement.

Name of Respondent: _____ Date: _____
LAST/SURNAME FIRST/GIVEN MIDDLE INITIAL

Address: _____
STREET

Address: _____
CITY STATE /PROVINCE ZIP/POSTAL CODE

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____
(INCLUDING AREA/COUNTRY CODE)

Employer/Organization: _____ Position: _____

What has been your relationship to the applicant? (Check as many as apply)

Instructor (undergraduate/graduate) Academic Advisor Employer/Supervisor Other (Specify) _____

As far as you know, do undergraduate grades give an accurate evaluation of the applicant's academic potential for graduate work?

No basis for judgment Grades underrate potential Grades correctly reflect potential Grades overrate potential

Signature _____ Date _____

RETURNING THE PLU RECOMMENDATION FOR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FORM

Respondents may complete the recommendation process by:

1. Returning the form to the applicant in a sealed envelope.
2. Returning the form to the PLU Office of Admission by mail, email, or fax.
 - a. Mail: PLU Office of Admission
Graduate Programs
12180 Park Avenue South
Tacoma, WA 98447
 - b. Email: gradadmission@plu.edu
 - c. Fax: Attn: Graduate Programs
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We thank you for your time in evaluating this candidate.