**Application Instructions**

**Background**

Each year Pacific Lutheran University awards scholarships ranging from $5,000 to $20,000 to new applicants in the MAE PPAC, PPAC Certification Only or MAE IL. 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 in leadership roles in K-12 education.

**Eligibility**

Applicants to the MAE PPAC, PPAC Certification Only or MAE IL program may apply for this scholarship. Preference will be given to under-represented students, specifically minority students whose presence will enhance the learning environment through increased diversity in the School of Education and Kinesiology. The applicant must:

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

• Be currently employed by a Washington State school district

**Application Procedure**

To apply for the Exemplary Leadership in Education Graduate Scholarship, please submit the following items by no later than February 15:

1) A completed or in-progress application for the MAE PPAC, PPAC Certification Only or MAE IE program.

2) The Exemplary Leadership in Education Graduate Scholarship application form.

3) An essay discussing your vision as a leader in the education community, no more than 5 pages, double-spaced. Please reference your name on each page and email this to gradadmission@plu.edu

5) A letter of recommendation that addresses your promise as a leader in the education community. This is a separate letter of recommendation from the two you will submit with your application to the program. Please use the form attached to send to your recommender, and ask that the form be returned by February 15.

6) A nomination from your district superintendent in support of your application for scholarship. Please use the form attached to send to your district superintendent, and ask that the form be returned by February 15. This form can be mailed to the address below, or scanned and emailed directly from the recommender to gradadmission@plu.edu

**Send or email to:**
Graduate Programs and Continuing Education
Pacific Lutheran University

12180 Park Avenue South

Tacoma, WA 98447

Email: *gr**adadmission@plu.edu*

Phone: 253-535-8570

**APPLICATION FORM**

**Name (Last, First):**

**Program Year:**

**Employer:**

**Do you have tuition assistance through your employer?** Choose an item.

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

**Scholarship Essay Question:**
Please write an essay on the following topic and send it with this form via mail or email. The essay should be no longer than 5 double-spaced pages.

What is your vision as a leader in the education community?

**Statement 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.

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| Signature |  | Date |  |

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**Recommendation for Graduate Scholarship**

**This portion to be completed by applicant**Please fill out your portion of the recommendation form and give the form to the recommender.

**Name of Applicant (Last, First):**

**Mailing Address of Applicant:**

**Daytime Phone for Applicant:**

**Applicant Email Address:**

**Anticipated start date: Summer**

**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.*

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**This portion to be completed by recommender**This applicant is applying for a graduate scholarship for an education leadership program at PLU. Please attach a letter of recommendation addressing the applicant’s promise as a leader in the education community. The letter can be attached to an email and returned along with this form to gradadmission@plu.edu or mailed to: Graduate Programs, Pacific Lutheran University, 12180 Park Ave. S, Tacoma WA, 98847

**Name of Respondent (Last, First):**

**Address:**

**Daytime Phone:**

**Email:**

**Employer / Organization:**

**Position:**

**What has been your relationship to the applicant? (Check as many as apply)** Choose an item.

**As far as you know, do undergraduate grades give an accurate evaluation of the applicant’s academic potential for graduate work?** Choose an item.

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**District Nomination for Graduate Scholarship**

**This portion to be completed by applicant**Please fill out your portion of the recommendation form and give the form to the recommender.

**Name of Applicant (Last, First):**

**Mailing Address of Applicant:**

**Daytime Phone for Applicant:**

**Applicant Email Address:**

**Anticipated start date: Summer**

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**This portion to be completed by the Superintendent (or designee)**This applicant is applying for a graduate scholarship for an education leadership program at PLU. No written comments are necessary, but you may attach a letter of recommendation if desired. Please submit to gradadmission@plu.edu or mail to: Graduate Programs, Pacific Lutheran University, 12180 Park Ave. S, Tacoma WA, 98847

**Name of Superintendent or designee (Last, First):**

**Employer/Organization/District:**

**Address:**

**Position:**

**Daytime Phone:**

**Email:**

**What has been your relationship to the applicant? (Check as many as apply)** Choose an item.

**Do you recommend this applicant for a leadership program? Yes** [ ]  **No** [ ]

**Provide additional comments here (optional):**

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