

The Martinez Foundation Scholarship Information and Application 2015-16



Program Overview

Pacific Lutheran University is privileged to partner with The Martinez Foundation to offer scholarships to graduate students of color who wish to become teachers and help eliminate the achievement gap in Washington public schools.

The Martinez Foundation Scholarship is an annual, nonrecurring award for incoming students of color in one of PLU's graduate teacher education programs. Scholarships are awarded per year, beginning in the 2015-16 academic year. In addition to The Martinez Foundation Scholarship PLU will commit additional scholarship funds to each candidate. The amount will vary depending on the number of qualified applicants.

Criteria for Selection of a Martinez Fellow

- Compatibility with the mission of PLU's School of Education and Kinesiology: The Professional Education Programs at PLU aim to cultivate the intellect, not just for its own sake, but also as a tool of conscience and an instrument for service. In supporting this mission, departmental faculty members and candidates seek to model the values of *competence, care, difference, leadership, and service*. We strive to honor these core values in pursuit of excellence and in the cultivation of personal, supportive relationships with students, colleagues in neighboring schools, districts, faculty within PLU, and with other universities.
- Evidence of excellence or potential for excellence in teaching, scholarship, or leadership in professional education
- Expressed commitment to The Martinez Foundation
- Identify ethnicity as a person of color
- Demonstration of financial need

The Martinez Fellowship Scholarship Recipients Agree to:

- Work as educators in a Washington state K-12 public school for at least three years, preferably longer. If the educator does not teach for a minimum of three years, s/he will pay the scholarship back in its entirety.
- Work as educators in a Washington state K-12 public school in a high-need area.
- Attend and participate in the annual Martinez Foundation Fellows retreat. For the first year, Fellows attendance is mandatory; attendance in the second year and beyond is voluntary.
- Participate in foundation surveys and/or research inquiries to help the Foundation learn more about teacher education, teacher effectiveness, and how to shape the Martinez Fellow program to recruit and retain future teacher candidates.
- Participate in periodic Saturday seminars occurring 4-6 times over the school year.
- (Following two years of teaching experience) Participate as a mentor for current Martinez Foundation Fellows.
- Give permission to the Foundation to promote award recipients with their names and biographies on the Martinez Foundation and PLU's School of Education and Kinesiology websites, in press releases, print brochures, video clips, and by introducing them at events to which awardees are invited and available to attend.



Martinez Foundation Scholarship Application Form 2015-16

Please complete the following information:

Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

E-mail Address

Occupation

Employer

Essay Requirement

In a one- to two-page essay, please answer the following questions (Attach to this application):

1. "Why are you interested in being a Martinez Fellow and what would this award mean to you."
2. "How will your cultural background impact (or benefit) you as a professional educator."

Demonstration of Financial Need

To qualify for the Martinez Foundation Scholarship, the applicant must show a demonstrated financial need as determined by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA may be completed online (website: fafsa.ed.gov). PLU's school code is 00378500. Questions about the process can be directed to The Office of Financial Aid 253-535-7134.

Signature of Agreement

I agree that the above information is accurate. By signing this statement, I understand that this information is for use by Pacific Lutheran University's School of Education and Kinesiology for purposes of awarding the Martinez Fellows graduate scholarships only.

Signature

Date